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Fort Almanac—February 24.

Sun Rises	6 40 A M
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Day's Length	11 h 08 m
High Water at Southport	1.36 P M
High Water at Wilmington	3.19 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 23.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 67°; 8 p. m., 64°; maximum, 77°; minimum, 64°; mean, 70°.

Rainfall for the day, T.; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 4.54.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 24.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 24 3 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Fair; colder northerly winds.

OUTLINES.

It is said that the Powers has called upon Greece to evacuate Crete within twenty-four hours; the Moslems and Christians have agreed upon a week's armistice. —— Charles Francis Scott, the American imprisoned at Havana, has been released as the result of the representations of Consul General Lee. —— Americans in Havana criticise the U. S. Government in the matter of backing up Consul General Lee. —— Burglars blew open the safe of the Albany (N. Y.) Railway and secured $2,500. —— The Joint Traffic Association will maintain west-bound freight rates pending further negotiations with the Norfolk & Western. —— The Indian Appropriation bill was discussed in the Senate yesterday; in the House the Civil Service law was criticised and condemned; the Naval Appropriation bill passed the House. —— John D. Hart, on trial at Philadelphia for engaging in a filibustering expedition, was found guilty. —— Diplomatic and consular officers are sending in their resignations to the State Department. —— Foreign warships are blockading the coast of Crete. —— Otis Smith, the Atlanta embezzler, has been placed in jail; an application has been made for a receiver for the Georgia Security and Banking Company, of which he was cashier. —— Athens, Georgia, was struck by a cyclone, which did much damage in a small way. —— The people of Greece are greatly incensed against the Powers for their intervention in Crete; and their attitude is causing apprehension in Government circles. —— The floods are causing great damage in the West; loss of life and great damage is reported; at Middleboro, Ky., a cloudburst drowned a man and his wife and four children. —— The annual convention of Southern ice men will begin at Charleston to-day. ——New York markets: Money on call easy at 1½@2 per cent., last loan at 1½ per cent., closing offered at 1½; cotton steady; middling 7¼c; Southern flour was dull but steady at quotations; common to fair extra $3 20@3 50; good to choice $3 60@4 00; wheat—spot market was dull and easier; No. 2 red free on board 89½c; corn—spot dull and easier; No. 2 29½c at elevator and 30¼c afloat; rosin steady—strained common to good $1 70; spirits turpentine quiet at 28½@29c.

A Russian artist was arrested in New York last week for "sickin'" his dog on cats. An innocent pastime. That distinguished furriner only wanted to see the fur fly.

Germany raises lots of apples but she is showing a weakness for the American apple, and imported twenty times as many last year as she ever did in any preceding year.

A New York syndicate, which owns a process of seeding raisins, has formed a Trust to control the output in this country, and they are counting on raisin' a pile out of it.

The Augusta *Chronicle* protests against the wanton slaughter of doves in Georgia. In one county alone it is estimated that as many as 50,000 have been killed in the past two years.

New Jersey is always coming to the front with something out of the ordinary line. Some time ago she presented a five-legged frog, and and now she trots out a 13-year-old bearded boy.

Herr Krupp of Germany employs 25,000 men and keeps them busy making guns and other machines to kill people. It must be a paying business, for he is about the richest man in Germany.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention is called to the following REDUCED RATES of Subscription to THE MORNING STAR:

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Hens are valuable in Kansas. A farmer has discovered that one hen is worth an acre of land, for while an acre of land will produce $2 worth of corn at present prices, a hen will lay $1.50 worth of eggs and do her own scratching, while the farmer has to scratch the land to produce the corn. On this showing the hen with her eggs lays over the farmer with his plow.

Charles Burton carries the mail between two Kentucky towns, twenty miles apart, every day in the year but Sunday. He has to travel 12,250 miles a year for all of which he gets one cent per annum. He isn't making much money, nor having much fun, but he has before him the ever-present satisfaction of having underbid his competitor.

The President of one of the big turnpike companies in Kentucky says if the authorities will not or cannot protect their toll gates they will take up all the bridges. That is a ten-strike idea. When it comes to a choice between taking water and letting the toll gates alone the average Kentuckian will not be long in deciding.

The Senate of the State of Missouri has passed a bill which makes contracts with Trusts null and void and provides that persons buying from Trusts on contracts need not carry out the contracts. We should infer from this that the Trusts would not do much of a trust business in that State.

It is stated that President-elect McKinley has given the unusual instruction to his Secretary to see that President Cleveland is provided with an escort on leaving the White House. This is probably to show that he is not entirely unmindful of the service Mr. Cleveland rendered him in the campaign.

The Chattanooga *Times*, gold organ, remarks that while some Democratic papers are lauding Senator Chandler's bimetallic speech in the Senate, the independent papers refer to it as a "vicious, repudiationist harangue." The independent papers here referred to are the gold organs.

A shortage of $500,000 has been discovered in the accounts of ex-State Treasurer Bartley, of Nebraska, and a ditto of $27,000 in the accounts of ex Auditor Moore. A few more of that kind of ex's would bankrupt Nebraska.

We were in error in stating recently in an editorial that it was editor Russell, of Maxton, who figured in the interview with Gov. Russell, at the latter's residence in this city, before the election. It was another colored editor.

There is one county in Texas the population of which consists mainly of Germans. There are but two mortgages filed in the county and these are for less than $150. The best cotton growers in Texas are Germans.

A contemporary says it is a mistake to call Edison a "genius," he is a "worker." He is both.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TAYLOR'S BAZAAR—Kid gloves.
MARTHA F. MAUNDER—Notice.
MERCER & EVANS—Something nice.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

JNO. KNIGHT & CO.—Choice roses.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— John Knight & Co. announce that they have 200 choice imported roses for sale.

— Linden Grove No. 2, U. A. O., Druids, of this city, will celebrate their third anniversary this evening.

— Wholesale prices for butter in New York yesterday were for Elgin, 19 cents; Creamery, 18 to 18 cents. Southern eggs, 17 to 18½.

— The schooner *Melissa Trask* cleared yesterday for Jacmel, Hayti, with 201,742 feet of lumber, valued at $3,846 50. Cargo by Chadbourn Lumber Co. Vessel by J. T. Riley & Co.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: "This morning the store of Hollingsworth & Holland, the popular young merchants, was closed up. They made an assignment at 11.30 o'clock, naming Mr. R. M. Nimocks as assignee. The latter tells us that the liabilities are about $4 000, and that the assets will foot up about the same amount."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Potentially Printed.

— Mr. W. W. King is on the sick list.

— Mr. H. B. Jenning, N. C., was in the city yesterday.

— Col. W. J. Woodward has returned from Nashville, Tenn.

— Mr. L. H. Lyon, of Tarboro, was in the city yesterday.

— Messrs. C. L. and R. W. Haywood left for Durham yesterday.

— Mr. J. J. Adkins, of Southport, was among the arrivals yesterday.

— Mr. E. E. Groom, of Charleston, S. C., was among yesterday's arrivals.

— Jno. D. Bellamy, Esq., returned from Whiteville yesterday, where he has been attending Columbus Court.

— Mrs. G. P. Watkins, of Albemarle, Stanly county, is here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mercer, and will remain several weeks.

— Mr. G. W. Westbrook, of Wrightsville; Mr. S. W. Westbrook, of this city, and Messrs. C. W. Woodard and W. M. Hubbart, of Chicago, returned last night from Wallace, where they attended the meeting of the directors of the Truckers' Association yesterday.

Death of Mrs. Jno. F. Garrell.

Yesterday morning at 12 15 o'clock Mrs. Sallie Olivia Garrell, wife of Mr. Jno. F. Garrell, of this city, entered into rest after several months of patient suffering, at her residence, corner Third and Walnut streets. Mrs. Garrell was forty-four years of age and was a daughter of the late Wm. G. Webb, Esq., of Rockingham, who was one of the first cotton manufacturers in Richmond county. She was twice married, her first husband being the late Capt. Jno. J. Poisson, a gallant Confederate soldier and a brother of Messrs. William and Dickson Poisson of this city. Three brothers, Capt. L. H. Webb, of Franklin, Va.; Mr. H. H. Webb, of Clarkville, Ga., and Mr. Walter G. Webb, of this city, with her husband, are left to mourn her loss. The deceased was a member of Grace M. E. church, and during her life was identified with many charitable and benevolent organizations. She was the leader of the choir at old Front Street M. E. church for a number of years, and was secretary up to the time of her death of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A.

The funeral will take place this morning at 10 30 o'clock from Grace M. E. church.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—78 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 9 bbls tar, 2 bbls crude turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—287 bales cotton, 56 casks spirits turpentine, 204 bbls rosin, 43 bbls tar, 8 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—5 casks spirits turpentine, 52 bbls rosin, 2 bbls tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—15 casks spirits turpentine, 16 bbls rosin, 53 bbls tar.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—11 casks spirits turpentine, 335 bbls rosin, 99 bbls tar.

Steamer Driver—9 casks spirits turpentine, 5 bbls rosin, 61 bbls tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—7 bales cotton, 223 bbls rosin, 20 bbls tar.

Underwood's raft—560 bbls rosin.

Hale's raft—84 bbls rosin.

Total receipts—Cotton, 332 bales; spirits turpentine, 98 casks; rosin, 1,379 bbls; tar, 281 bbls; crude turpentine, 10 bbls.

The Fire Early Yesterday Morning.

An alarm of fire was turned in yesterday morning at 5.30 o'clock from box 41, Market and Water streets. The Fire Department, which is ever ready, soon responded, and after nearly an hour's hard work, with the wind blowing a perfect gale, succeeded in suppressing the flames, which were located in the office of J. H. Whiteman & Sons, colored, who carry on a wood yard on Water street, between Market and Dock. The fire communicated to a pile of wood in the yard, but was speedily put out. The inside of the office and the machinery used for cutting wood were badly damaged. There was no insurance on the property. The schooner *Victory*, which was lying alongside the wharf loaded with fruit, was compelled to go up the river to get out of danger from the fire.

Maxton B. and L. Association.

The fourth series of stock of the Maxton Building and Loan Association matured last Saturday, and to those who have not borrowed, the popular Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. W. B. Harker, is now paying $100 per share. A new series, the 11th, has been opened and subscriptions are now being received. The "Maxton" is a well managed institution, and has never lost a dollar on a loan.

Thoroughly and Carefully Repaired.

The cottage on Wrightsville beach formerly owned by Mr. James Sprunt, which suffered partial wreck during the heavy storm of November last, has been carefully and thoroughly repaired and securely anchored by the most approved method. The piazzas have been enlarged and the building made one of the most attractive and comfortable residences on the coast. No expense has been spared to make it secure against future storms.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents.

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

FRUIT GROWERS' AND TRUCKERS ASSOCIATION.

Meeting of the Board of Directors at Wallace—Action Taken.

The Board of Directors of the Fruit Growers' and Truckers' Association met yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at Wallace, N. C., President W. L. Hill, of Warsaw, presiding.

On motion, Mr. J. H. Moore, of Burgaw, was elected secretary.

It was stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the question of having a shipping master, with a central office at Wilmington, for the proper distribution of berries to Northern markets.

After considerable discussion it was decided to establish a central office in Wilmington, with a shipping master.

President Hill was authorized to look into the matter of rates on vegetables for the New Hanover Association, and to get local rates on berries.

President Hill and Mr. G. W. Westbrook were authorized to see Mr. T. M. Emerson in regard to obtaining a Saturday train for the shipment of strawberries.

Mr. J. S. Westbrook, of Faison, reported that he had obtained from Mr. J. R. Kenly substantially what he wanted in regard to sheds for strawberries.

On motion of Mr. McMillan, of Teacheys, it was ordered that an attorney be employed to push different claims of the Association.

The meeting then adjourned.

During the meeting remarks were made on different subjects by Mr. S. W. Westbrook, representing Redfield & Son, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Messrs. C. W. Woodard and W. M. Hubbard, of the C. F. T. Company, of Chicago, Ill.

DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT

Given by the Ladies of the First Baptist Church.

The ladies of the First Baptist Church under the leadership of Mr. A. S. Holden and Mrs. George Leftwich, gave to a large audience last night a most delightful musical entertainment; as a whole, the music was fine, and displayed considerable practice and well developed culture of Wilmington's fine musical talent. Some of our best and most gifted musicians participated in the exercises, thus tending to the enjoyment of all who were so fortunate as to be present, while all who took part in the entertainment deserve much praise, not only for the rendition of their parts, but for the manner in which they so readily assist the good ladies of our city on all occasions in giving to the public such magnificent concerts and entertainments.

The following pleasing and delightful programme, with many encores rendered, gave much delight to the audience:

Overture—By Orchestra of Second Regiment Band—Prof. Bernard and Messrs. Schloss, Wilson and Martin, accompanied by Miss Norma Foster.
Song—The Fishermen—Messrs. J. D. Smith and A. S. Holden, accompanied by Prof. Ed. Munson.
Song—Day Dream—Miss Lidia Whitney, Miss Cannie Chasten accompanist.
Quartette—The Kerry Dance—Messrs. Cooper, Fowler Grant and Holden.
Recitation—Searching For the Slain—W. P. Oldham, Jr.
Duet—Violin and 'Cello—Misses Louise Corbett and Bessie Bartt.
Solo—My Prayer—Mrs. J. W. Thorburn.
Mixed Quartette—Slumber Song—Misses Carrie White, Elsie Calder and Messrs. Holden and Cooper, accompanied by Miss Chasten.
Solo—The Old Sexton—Mr. R. H. Grant. (Prof. Ed. Munson pianist).
Recitation—The Lighthouse—Russell Foster.
Male Quartette—Schubert's Serenade—Messrs. Cooper, Holden, Grant and Smith.

Throughout the whole entertainment was one continued feast of music and was interspersed with witticisms by Mr. George Leftwich, the much-beloved superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school.

Wilmington Folks Who Get Married To-Day.

This afternoon, at 6 o'clock, at the Temple of Israel, Mr. S. A. Schloss and Miss Mamie Bear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Bear, all of this city, will be united in matrimony.

At 10 o'clock this morning Mr. C. L. Haywood, a popular young druggist of Bunting's Pharmacy, of this city, and Miss Zoa Lee Rigsbee, a charming young lady of Durham, will be married in that city.

Mr. R. S. Collins, of this city, and Miss Lucy Taylor, of Catherine Lake, will be made one to-day at Catherine Lake.

Funeral of Little Robbie Tucker.

The funeral of little Robert D. Tucker, Jr., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Tucker, who died Monday, was held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the residence of his parents, No. 311 North Seventh street. After the service at the house, conducted by Rev. T. H. Sutton pastor of Market Street Methodist Church, the remains were taken to Oakdale cemetery and interred. The pall-bearers were Messrs. W. P. Monroe, Jno. Benson, R. B. Clowe and Nathan Williams.

Death of Mrs. John W. Harper.

The sad tidings of the death of Mrs. John W. Harper, wife of Capt. John W. Harper of the *Wilmington*, at Southport yesterday, was conveyed to the city by telegraph last night. Capt. Harper, who was in the city at the time of the arrival of the sad news, left last night at 9 o'clock on the steam tug *Marion* for Southport. Mrs. Harper was a daughter of the late Capt. R. F. Foley, of Southport, a niece of Mrs. E. Warren and a cousin of Mr. J. B. Cranmer, of this city.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BILL TO CHANGE WILMINGTON'S CHARTER DEFEATED IN THE HOUSE.

The Vote Considered a Direct Slap at the Governor—Bill Increasing Appropriation to University Passed—Bill Passed Providing for Election of Mayor of Newbern by Popular Vote.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 23.—In the Senate bills were introduced to regulate the examination of criminals; for aid of the deaf, dumb and blind.

Bills passed to prevent the introduction and dissemination of dangerous insects; to encourage and aid the Horticultural Department; providing for the procurement and distribution of dead bodies for the promotion of medical science, this not to apply to dead in homes for the aged and infirm.

The bill carrying $5,000 appropriation, in addition to the present one, to the State University passed all readings—yeas 30, nays 9. The bill giving the State Normal School $12,500 appropriation in addition to the present appropriation passed unanimously. The bill gives the Normal School as much as the University. Bills passed incorporating the Colored Grand Lodge K. of P. of the State; to amend the charter of Southport.

The following committee was appointed on the election of University trustees: Senators Rollins, Ramsay, Shaw, Butler, Scales and Anthony.

In the House bills were introduced, to establish a criminal circuit composed of Mitchell, Yancey, McDowell, Ashe and Watauga counties; resolution by Lusk, that after March 1st no bills be introduced; by Green, to submit to popular vote at the next general election the question of State aid to higher education; to reduce the bonds of sheriffs fifty per cent. of assessed taxes; to appropriate funds to rebuild the bridge over Little river in Wayne county; by Cathey, to promote public education by providing that if the North Carolina R. R. lease is annulled and it is leased for a larger sum, the excess shall be apportioned by the State Education Board among school children.

Bills passed to give Cross Creek township, Cumberland county, a fence law; to charter Snow Hill Railway.

The bill to amend the charter of Wilmington came up, providing that the people of each ward shall elect an alderman and the Governor to appoint one for each ward; and that the aldermen shall elect the mayor.

Sutton, of New Hanover, said there was nothing objectionable in the bill to any man; that he had scores of letters from citizens asking that the bill pass.

Ward wanted the part explained as to the appointment of aldermen by the Governor.

Sutton said as the city was now divided it was impossible to elect a Republican board of aldermen; that Republicans were in the majority, and that no alderman would be appointed who was objectionable to the majority of Republicans and Populists.

Walters asked Democrats to vote for this bill, though it was absolutely undemocratic, unrepublican and unpopulistic; that it made the Governor absolute Czar of Wilmington and that he was willing to put the control of the city of Wilmington in Governor Russell's hands for the next four years. He said he thought it better to support this bill than to risk a bill which gave control of the city to the propertyless.

Hancock said the Governor did not make the appointments, but that Republicans would send him the names.

Sutton said he believed every Republican would vote for the bill and that he hoped all the Populists would do so.

Walters said after this he was compelled to vote against the bill. Debate was cut off. Duffy, in explaining his vote, said Sutton's action in calling the previous question was not only cowardly but was against the professed principles of the Republicans.

Parker, of Wayne, said "local self government" was the slogan of the Republican and Populists in the last campaign, but that this bill overturned all this. He said Sutton had given the sole reason for the bill, "pie," that is, to turn out Democrats and put in Republicans.

Sutton, of Cumberland, said Gov. Russell was not the author or promoter of the bill; that the Governor had so told him.

Sutton, of New Hanover, said it was too late to redistrict the wards of Wilmington, and that this was the only way to keep the Democrats from controlling the city for two years.

Young said the majority of the people were determined to rule the State; that the 100,000 negro voters demanded that they be given equal rights in the holding of elections. He said there was no union of negroes and the whites.

Spruill said he was elected on Republican doctrines and therefore voted no. (Applause by Democrats and some Populists, and Young said: "You will never be elected again.") Abernathy voted no, saying he was bound to support local self-government. Pinnix voted no. Bailey was called to vote. He asked to be excused, but the Republicans refused to excuse him. He voted no. Green, of Mitchell, said according to the doctrine he had preached he was bound to vote no. Ensley also voted no. Petree declared his belief in local self-government and the people ruling and voted no. Aiken voted no. Parker, of Perquimans, begged to be excused but objection was made. He said he hated to antagonize the Governor's bill, but he did not see how he could explain his vote to his people if he supported this bill, and so voted no. Dockery said he opposed the bill in caucus, and he voted for it under protest. The bill failed to pass its second reading—yeas, 48; nays, 59. The vote is considered a direct slap at Governor Russell.

Sutton changed his vote, and lodged a motion to reconsider the bill.

The bill against gold contracts came up, and the Republicans fought it hard. A motion to table was lost. Lusk introduced an amendment destroying the force of the bill, and it passed.

A message from the Governor was received transmitting the report of the secretary to the Board of Trustees of the University, showing thirty vacancies among the trustees to be filled.

The bill to make a special appropriation of $34,000 to the Deaf and Dumb Institution caused much discussion. An amendment to pay $15,000 now and the balance two years hence passed all readings. The bill to change the charter of Newbern, creating new wards and giving the Governor the appointment of additional aldermen was taken up. A number of Republicans opposed the bill on the same ground of opposition as to Wilmington's bill. Hancock, seeing the bill would be defeated, introduced a substitute, which provides for the election of mayor by popular vote and aldermen by wards. The Democrats opposed the bill. Walters said the amendment was worse than the original. Smith said it meant negro supremacy, and he pitied the people of Newbern. Young, of Wake (colored) said negroes did not want to control the city. The bill, as amended, passed all readings, yeas 64, nays 35.

RALEIGH NEWS LETTER.

POPULISTS POWERFULLY WORKED UP

Over Gov. Russell's Delay in Appointing Walter Harry Judge—Committee Appointed to Wait on the Governor—Henry Skinner in the City—Special Railroad Committee Examine More Witnesses—Supreme Court Decision.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 23.

The Populist minority last night appointed a committee composed of Senator Cannon and Representatives Fagan and Brown to wait upon Governor Russell and ascertain if he intends to appoint the nominees of the minority caucus. The committee will ask for the immediate appointment of Walter Henry as Judge. The Populists are powerfully worked up because of Russell's obstinacy. "Pie" will cause the best of friends to part.

There is no longer any doubt about the passage of the bills to change the charters of the cities of North Carolina. The Republican caucus voted as a unit last evening to accomplish this.

Russell is not a man to be pushed and the attempt of the Populist minority to make him come to terms may in all probability precipitate matters. Great pressure is being exerted to get the Governor to appoint Walter Henry.

A great many Republicans call Russell a Populist. Western Republicans have little love for him.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

Harry Skinner arrived this evening. He says he came in behalf of the University appropriation.

The special railway committee examined other directors of the North Carolina road to night. Attorneys Beckwith and Morris, of this city, and Josephus Daniels were also examined. No new testimony was developed. Judge Avery wanted to take a poll of the members of committee. Chairman Grant told Avery that he would take the poll at the proper time.

The machinery act was introduced in the House to-night.

Governor Russell pledged himself to support Sutton, of Cumberland, for the Eastern Judgeship. The Governor says he made the pledge when the office was allotted to the Republicans. Afterwards it was given to the Populists. Effort is being made to force Sutton to waive all claims to the office.

The Supreme Court has decided no error in the case of the State vs. Hinnant, from Wilson.

The Populist bolters caucused to-night. Governor Russell was condemned by several members for his policy in withholding the nomination of Walter R. Henry. A committee of five was appointed to wait on the Governor and ascertain definitely and once for all whether he will appoint Mr. Henry to the judgeship. The bolters threaten to break the agreement with the Republicans unless Governor Russell acts at once.

The Columbus County Murder Case Set for Trial To-day.

Mr. Jno. D. Bellamy, who returned from Whiteville yesterday, informs us that the case against Jim Haynes and Alex Grest, both colored, charged with the murder of young Lee, was called in the Columbus county court Monday. The defence made a motion for the removal of the case to some adjoining county on account of the prejudice existing in Columbus county. The motion was overruled, and the case set for trial to-day. A special venire was ordered summoned. Solicitor Sewall is assisted in the prosecution by Attorneys Frazier, Winborn and Lewis. Attorneys White, Rowland and Wishart appear for the defendants.

Attempted Incendiarism.

Yesterday morning while one of the colored hands employed at Mr. I. A. Springer's coal and wood yard on Water street, between Princess and Chesnut, was overhauling a pile of shingles in the yard he came across a half burnt newspaper, which was stuffed between the shingles. Some of the shingles were badly scorched. A burnt out match was also found near by, showing that some one had evidently been trying to set fire to the shingles, but had fortunately failed.

Justice Bunting's Court.

Justice Bunting disposed of two cases yesterday.

Annie Graham, colored, charged with false pretence, was adjudged not guilty and discharged.

Lizzie Carroll, colored, charged with wilful injury to real estate, was fined $10 and costs.

THE MORNING STAR.

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At Hibernian Hall Last Night.

Another one of those delightful entertainments, which the Hibernian Benevolent Society is noted for, was given last night at Hibernian Hall, and each and everyone of the large crowd present will testify as to the enjoyable time they had. There was both music and refreshments, and while Prof. Francisco's Wilmington band discoursed sweet music forty couples glided around the ball room in a dreamy waltz or entered into a jolly old square dance. The dancing was kept up until an early hour this morning.

The ladies who had charge of the supper and who saw that you were served with everything choice were Mrs. Martin O'Brien, Mrs. Robt. Green, Mrs. Jas. Madden, Mrs. Thos. Quinlivan and Mrs. T. Donlan. The committee of arrangements, Messrs. Martin O'Brien, F. P. Donlan, Wm. Bate, Frank Eagan, Thos. Murrin, Dan'l McInerny, Thos. Quinlivan, Wm. Sheehan and T. B. Carroll, deserve credit for the manner in which everything was arranged. Messrs. Dan'l McInerny and Frank Eagan were the floor managers.

PLUNGING ON FITZ.

James Kelly Has $100,000 to Bet, and Corbett Money Becomes Hard to Find.

[*New York Journal.*]

The sporting man who is making a $100,000 plunge on Fitzsimmons' ability to whip Corbett is said to be James Kelly, of the firm of Kelly & Bliss, the well known pool-sellers, of this city. Mr. Kelly is said to have some information which leads him to believe that Fitzsimmons cannot lose. While Mr. Kelly's commissioners were instructed at first not to bet more than $100,000, they were notified last night that their commissions were unlimited and to accept all the Corbett money that showed.

On Saturday night Dick Roche, who is one of the commissioners, bet $1,000 against $3,000 with Eddie Kearney, Jr., at the New York Athletic Club. Mr. Kearney stated that he would bet a similar sum on Corbett early next week. Dick Roche also offered to bet $8,000 against $10,000 with "Brooklyn Jimmy" Carroll, who has a commission of that amount from a Brooklyn merchant to execute. Roche and Carroll made an engagement to meet to-day and post the money.

Charley Thorley, the Broadway florist, bet $500 on Corbett against $400 with Eole Pearsall, and Arthur Moore, Eddie Deppler and Mike Hart $300 each at the same odds.

Dr. Ramon S. Guiterias is betting on Fitzsimmons. In fact, there is so much Fitzsimmons money in sight that the Corbett men have about concluded to wait for even money. The few bookmakers who are doing business on the fight are also complaining of the lack of Corbett money, as they have been filled up with Fitzsimmons money, and unless they can round up with some Corbett coin they will be force to go to the ringside with what is termed a "Dutch book."

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Several small bets at 5 to 4 and 10 to 7 were made at the Chicago Athletic Club to-day as the result of a prediction made by Professor George Dawson, the boxing instructor, that Fitz would win. The Australian's friends only needed this to put up and check the bluff of Corbett's admirers. J. H. Finn has bet $100 to $80 on Corbett with F. S. Sullivan. Finn also bets $50 even that Corbett will win in fifteen rounds.

GREAT CUBAN EXPEDITION.

General Roloff Sails For Cuba With the Most Valuable Cargo Ever Sent to the Revolutionists.

[*New York Telegram of 20th.*]

The sudden disappearance of General Carlos Roloff, Secretary of War of the Cuban Republic, whose bail was forfeited at Baltimore, gave rise to a report, which was confirmed to-day, that another expedition had started to Cuba under his command. General Roloff is off to Cuba with 100 men and lots of war munitions. How he skipped away is a matter which the Spanish consulate detectives are trying to discover.

The expedition is the most important that has ever gone to Cuba. It carries 3,000 rifles, three cannon, two repeating guns of an improved make, firing each 100 shots a minute, with the advantage that the firing can be stopped at will, and a quantity of explosives equal to all that has been sent to Cuba before.

All the money collected by the Cuban delegation here after the death of Maceo has been spent on the expedition, and more besides. The general cost was estimated to day at about $300,000.

Among the Cubans here it is believed that the fate of the revolution depends in great part on General Roloff's success. If he is captured by the Spaniards, there is no doubt that the cause of Cuba will suffer considerably. But if the expedition lands it means 9,000 Cubans under arms and a formidable help for Gomez's plans.

DIED.

GARRELL—On the morning of the 23rd inst., SALLIE O. GARRELL, wife of John F. Garrell.

Funeral services will be held this (Wednesday) morning, at 10 30 o'clock, at Grace M. E. Church. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Executrix Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS EXECUTRIX of the last Will and Testament of John Waundle, deceased, I hereby notify all persons indebted to my said testator to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom my said testator is indebted will present their claims to me before the 25th day of February, 1898, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. This the 25th day of February, 1897.

MARTHA F. MAUNDER, Executrix.
A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

KID GLOVES.

A DOLLAR KID GLOVE
IN BROWN AND TAN,
four large buttons and stitched backs
for 59c per pair.

WHITE OR CREAM KID GLOVES,
plain or black stitched, former price $1.25, now selling for 98 cents per pair.

FINE BLACK KID GLOVES
were $1.25, now selling at 98 cents per pair.

Corsets.
The balance of our 50c Corsets for 39c per pair.
A dollar Featherbone Corset for 75c per pair,
and all the leading makes at equally low prices, at

TAYLOR' BAZAAR,
feb 21 tf 118 Market St.

Mercer & Evans
Keep Something Nice for the Little Folks.

They have just received shipments of Babies' first SHOES (soft) as well as various kinds of other Infant Shoes. Also KNEE PROTECTORS for little folks, which saves the Mamas so much vexatious darning and mending of stockings at the knees. $1.50 for choice in our window. Take a look! Respectfully,
MERCER & EVANS,
feb 24 tf 115 Princess Street.

Truckers and Farmers.
We have the Genuine Houlton
Early Rose Potatoes,
Plant these and no other.
Use Root Crop Fertilizer Under Them.
HALL & PEARSALL,
Nutt and Mulberry streets.
feb 14 DAW tf

Fox River Butter.
35 Boxes Fox River Butter.
50 Bags Hudnut's Grits.
100 Bbls. E. R. Potatoes.
Also Crackers, Cheese, Canned Goods, Corn, Meal, Flour, Molasses, Meat, Salt, Hay, Hoop-Iron, Spirit Casks, Peanuts, Baskets, Drugs, Tobacco, Snuff, Fish, and all other goods in my line.
D. L. GORE.
feb 18 tf

This Week
AT THE "UNLUCKY CORNER"
FINE GRANULATED SUGAR,
MIXED TEA, SOAP.
Quantity Limited.
Prices and quality will suit you.
S. W. SANDERS.
Telephone 109. feb 21 tf

FRESH CRACKERS.
25 Boxes Lemon Crackers.
25 Boxes Sugar Crackers.
25 Boxes Vanilla Crackers.
25 Boxes Soda Crackers.
25 Boxes Ginger Snaps.
W. B. COOPER.
feb 21 tf D&W Wilmington, N. C.

Dissolution of Copartnership.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE firm of Mills & Montgomery is this day dissolved by mutual consent, F. T. Mills retiring and James A. Montgomery succeeding to the business formerly conducted by said firm. All debts and accounts due said firm, saving and excepting certain notes and accounts due by W. E. Porter, V. Sidbury, S. P. Cowan, S. H. Thomas and E. Middleton, are to be paid to James A. Montgomery. All debts due and owing by said firm are assumed by said James A. Montgomery.

JAMES A. MONTGOMERY.
FRANK T. MILLS.

Having sold out my interest in said firm to James A. Montgomery, I wish to thank the public for the liberal patronage bestowed upon said firm, and hope a continuance of the same for Mr. Montgomery, my successor.

FRANK T. MILLS.
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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 24, 1897

THE COTTON ACREAGE.

The Cotton Growers' Association is again making commendable efforts to keep the cotton acreage for this year within reasonable limits, and with this view has called three conventions of cotton growers, one to be held at Waco, Tex., on Monday, March 8th; the second at Memphis, Tenn, Wednesday, March 10th, and the third at Augusta, Ga., Monday, March 15th. The first of these is for the cotton growers of Texas; the second for the cotton growers of the Mississippi valley, and the third for those of the South Atlantic States—east of the Mississippi.

The selection of these points, so distributed in the cotton growing sections, was that the planters might conveniently attend them without incurring the expense of a long journey. In this way it is expected that more planters will be able to attend, and the meetings be productive of better results. It might have been a good idea if a meeting of the planters of each cotton growing State were called to be held soon after the meeting of these conventions to discuss and put into operation such plans as may be decided upon by them.

In calling these conventions Mr. Hector D. Lane, of Georgia, President of the Association, has issued a forcible and timely address giving the reasons why there should be concert of action among planters on the important subject of the acreage. We herewith present part of the address, issued by a man who not only comprehends the situation but comprehends the remedy and is very earnest in the effort to have it applied. He says:

"That the environments of the cotton growers are becoming more inimical to their interests each succeeding season, is discouragingly apparent; that the encroachments upon our commercial rights are becoming more piratical in their character, is a fact that is not only appreciated but condemned by all right-minded men who recognize the right and privilege of legitimate commercial methods, and the obtuseness of the Southern planter in failing to observe, and his subserviency in submitting to these ills that are being inflicted upon him by this scourge in the hands of this reckless class of speculative gamblers, is encouraging them in their pernicious methods, is rendering him pitiable in the eyes of the world and subjecting him to the obloquy of being both stupidly ignorant of his interests and ignominiously servile in his forbearance.

"As is usual at this season the cotton 'bear' is again in evidence, hewing down prices to the very lowest notch, using all the sophistry that his cunning can devise and all the artifices that he can so ingeniously invent to hammer values down to less than living prices. They are thoroughly indifferent to normal conditions and reck little to the common weal. They are sowing the seed of incipient communism in fields in which it is an unknown and an unnatural growth. They would exult over four cent cotton and would contribute their active aid in pressing it down to the lowest point regardless of the sorrow and destitution that would prevail throughout the South under such conditions.

"At this time last year they were anticipating matters by industriously circulating reports that it was the intention of the Southern cotton grower to enormously increase the acreage which they gleefully stated would result in the production of from eleven to twelve million bales. Like fabrications are again being circulated by them with the hope of affecting future values.

"The Southern planter has the power to checkmate these reckless despoilers of our prosperity by manly and intelligent action. The only remedy is to 'fight the devil with fire,' meet organization with organization.

"Do not be led into the error that you can combat this power without systematic organization. You cannot deceive the great firms that buy your product. They have their emissaries in every town and village; they are ever scrutinizing your actions and know more in regard to the general conditions than you can possibly find out.

"Destroy the annual surplus of cotton that is the active coadjutor of the cotton 'bear.' This can be accomplished by increasing the acreage of food crops and consequently the judicious diminishing of cotton acreage. You will be better off with a seven million bale crop selling at ten cents, supplemented by ample food crops, than with a ten million bale crop selling at five cents.

"The world spends about three hundred and thirty-five million dollars annually for American cotton. If we make a seven million bale crop they run after us for our product. If we make a ten million bale crop, we fall over ourselves to sell it to them.

"The ten million bale crop of '94 and '95 brought the South in round numbers two hundred and eighty-nine million dollars. The seven and a half million bale crop of '93 and '94 brought in round numbers two hundred and ninety-three million dollars.

"The seven million bale crop of '95 and '96 brought two hundred and ninety-two and one-quarter million dollars, demonstrating the fact that a small crop brings more money irrespective of acreage used for food crops and the labor and money expended on a larger acreage.

"Our only hope of protection lies in intelligent concert of action. We should keep ourselves informed of crop conditions, amount of production, etc., throughout the cotton area. Then by systematic and judicious marketing of our crops we can realize inestimable benefits that never can be secured permanently otherwise."

The history of the cotton movement will bear out his assertion that a small crop will bring the planters more money than a large crop, for every bale raised in excess of the world's demand for consumption exerts just that much influence in pulling down and keeping down the price of the crop grown. There is, as Mr. Lane says, no use of the planters trying to deceive the buyers of cotton, whether legitimate buyers for consumption or buyers for speculation, for in these days of mail facilities and telegraphs they keep thoroughly posted on the acreage, crop prospects and crop movements, and know more about them than 999 planters out of 1,000 do. Through their agents and correspondents they keep a close watch on the crop while the planters are busy killing grass, and cultivating the crop. They not only keep thoroughly informed as to the crop and crop prospects in this country, but also in other countries, and thus have the world's crop under their eyes. Prices are based not only on the crop in sight but often on the prospective crop, and therefore if a large acreage be anticipated prices go down, and if a small acreage they go up. Some time ago it was announced that there would be an increased acreage this year, and prices fell. Let the buyers become satisfied that the next crop will be small and the prices will go up, not only for the coming crop but for what remains unsold of this crop. A seven or a six million bale crop (which would be better than seven) for a few years would make the planters masters of the situation and put them solidly on their feet.

But this is something in which no only the cotton-growers but the whole South, in fact the whole country, is interested, for if the Southern planter prospers the South will prosper, and every business carried on in it will be benefitted, and when the South prospers then the North which sells manufactured goods, machinery, &c., to the South, will be benefitted.

For these reasons we hope that the planters of the South will see it as the Association does and respond to the sensible and forcible appeal of President Lane, who is leading them to the broad road to independence.

Fewer cotton acres and more food stuff acres ought to be the maxim of every cotton planter, whether he plant many or few acres.

INVESTIGATING THE LEASE.

A Senate Committee is now engaged at Raleigh in investigating the lease of the North Carolina Railroad and is eliciting some important information.

One of the objections, and a very strong one, to the lease is that it was made without any advertisement for bids, and that, therefore, there was but one party considered in the transaction, namely the Southern Company. Practically speaking it was a secret business, in which the company which secured the lease had no opposition, and in which it made its own terms.

Would any of the gentlemen who as directors or representatives of the stockholders or of the State have pursued such a course with a piece of property of their own? If they individually owned the North Carolina railroad would they have leased it without inviting bids, would they have been content with a bid from one company which they knew must have the road or build another, while there was at least one other company equally as responsible which desired it and would have bid upon it at the proper time? Would they, as business men, have made a lease for 99 years—three and a third times as long as the present lease—when a lease for a much shorter period could have been made? We don't think they would.

It has been asserted in justification of the action taken, that the Seaboard Company refused to put in a bid at that time, but the reason has not, until this investigation developed it, been given to the public. President Alexander testified before the committee Monday, that he had, a couple days before the lease was consummated, an interview with President Hoffman and other gentlemen representing the Seaboard road, who asked him not to close the lease then. When asked if he would bid upon it, Mr. Hoffman said not then, and gave his reason, a very good one. The Southern had control under its present lease for six years more and in that time it could run down and practically wreck the road if it was to pass into other hands at the termination of its lease. That was a sensible view to take of it and a very good reason why the Seaboard did not care to bid six years in advance of the expiration of the present lease.

Be that as it may, in a matter of such importance as this, when so much property was involved, everything should have been done with due deliberation, openly and aboveboard, and the freest competition invited, especially when the directors had six years in which to feel their way and ascertain with whom they could make the most advantageous terms. As the matter now stands, without impugning the motives or the integrity of the gentlemen who thus disposed of this valuable property for a century, they showed very little business sense, to say the least of it.

MINOR MENTION.

Some time ago it was announced that President-elect McKinley would not consider any appointments to office until the tariff question was disposed of. Anyone who could see through a fish-net could see through that. Shortly after that it was reported from Raleigh that the bosses there would not consider nominations for office until the "necessary legislation" had been effected. Any one who on a clear day could see through a barbed wire fence could understand that. It is now announced that Governor Russell will not make any appointments over which he has control until the North Carolina railroad lease question is settled, which means until the Senate acts on the anti lease bill that is now before it. Any one who could see through a telescope can understand that. When it comes to fully comprehending the persuasive influence and cohesive power of spoils in sight or in the distance, we commend the gentlemen who run the Republican machine—from the big fellows who run the national pie shop to the little ones who run the little cake stands. They all know what they are there for, and have the business done fine.

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That great financier, Comptroller Eckels, has been talking again. This time he has been giving the New Yorkers some of his valuable instruction on money, but it doesn't seem to have struck a responsive chord all around if we may judge from the following scorcher which we find in that eminent Republican, gold standard organ, the New York *Commercial Advertiser*, which thus calls this hefty financier and jaw-worker to taw:

"What does Comptroller Eckels mean by his statement, made at the banquet of the New York Life Underwriters' Association, that a 'better financial system will come only when the Treasury ceases to issue fiat money, whether in paper or silver?' When did the Government ever begin to issue such 'money?' The 'Century Dictionary'—and all economic authorities agree with it—defines fiat money as 'paper currency issued by a Government as money, but not based on coin or bullion; a paper currency containing no promise to pay, and, therefore, not convertible into coin.' The greenbacks are not this sort of currency. The Treasury notes of 1890 are not such currency. Neither class of notes pretends to be 'money,' fiat or otherwise. They are simply promises to pay money, exactly such as the bank currency would be which Comptroller Eckels so strenuously advocates, and their integrity depends solely upon the ability of the Government to make good this promise. As for silver certificates, currency certificates and gold certificates, they are practically warehouse receipts.

"Before Comptroller Eckels presumes to instruct the public in the 'science' of money it would be well for him to obtain some clear ideas on the subject himself. This nation not only has nothing resembling fiat currency, but it is not likely to have, so long as the majority of the people are not in need of the attention of a commission lunatico de inquirendo."

Miss Krypalzinti, of Boston, is soon to be married. We don't blame her. With a name like that hung to her she can't get married too soon.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The Boston *Globe* takes for granted that the South will indefinitely confine its cotton manufacture of coarse goods. The probability is that in the near future, she will compete with Old and New England in fine fabrics.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

—— Captain of Industry Havemeyer testifies that he "sees no connection between the amount of business done and the amount of taxes paid"—this in answer to a question of why his $75,000,000 capital fails to influence his tax returns. He might have said, but he did not, that tax returns, like capitalization, are often "a mere matter of form."—*N Y. World, Dem.*

—— The New York *Advertiser* is authority for the statement that the recent Bradley-Martin ball put $500,000 in circulation. If the statement be true, other millionaires of New York should give costly balls, because it is better for the general good to spend a portion of their money in this way than to hoard it in the vaults of trust companies and banks.—*New Orleans States, Dem.*

——If Senator Chandler continues to treat the Republican party to curtain lectures on finance and other embarrassing subjects the incoming administration will find a way to let him know that he is *persona non grata*, and need not hold out his plate for patronage pie. The Republican newspapers in the East refer to his recent speech in the Senate as "senile twaddle."—*New Orleans States, Dem.*

—— Perhaps the reason why the importers of foreign goods do not rush their goods into the American market, in anticipation of tariff changes, is because they know that the good Mr. Dingley and his brother committeemen who are revising the schedules have to provide revenue by revision. Mr. McKinley's famous bill was devised to reduce revenue and increase protection; but it is a horse of another color that now confronts the tariff-tinker.—*Phil. Record, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

—Bacon—"Your wife plays a good game of croquet, does she not?" Egbert—"Yes," but she plays rather a conservative game, doesn't she?" "Well, yes; I never heard her swear."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— "Well, Jack, how did you enjoy the Browns' party?"

Jack (aged eight)—"Pretty well, but I'm afraid there will be trouble; Mrs. Brown kissed me, and right before her husband."—*Life.*

— Fuddy—So Bender made the opening remarks at the dinner last night. Do you remember what he said?

Duddy—The opening remarks? Oh, yes. He said, "Who's got a corkscrew?—*Boston Transcript.*

— Fashionable Mother (languidly) "Well, Sarah, how is the baby to-day?"

Maid—"He cut his two teeth this morning, ma'm."

Fashionable Mother (still more languidly)—"That was very negligent of you, Sarah. You ought not to let a young baby play with a knife."—*Philadelphia News.*

—Professor of Elocution—"Just commit your speech to memory and then get boldly up before your audience and recite it." Pupil—"But, professor, I'm afraid I shall be struck with stage fright and forget apart of my speech." Professor—"Oh, don't worry about that. The more of the speech you forget the better the audience will like it."—*Twinkles.*

—Hotel Manager—"I see you have given our best suit of rooms to a man named Wiggins. Are you sure he can pay the price?" Hotel Clerk—"Yes, sir; he is immensely wealthy." Hotel Manager—"How do you know?" Hotel Clerk—"Oh, he is very old and very ugly, and his wife is very young and very pretty."—*Buffalo Times.*

Experience proves the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cures all forms of blood diseases, tones the stomach, builds up the nerves. †

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Rockingham *Rocket:* We regret to learn of the death of Andrew McMillan, of Laurel Hill. He was in his 83d year, a Scotchman and a Presbyterian minister.

— Merfreesboro *Index*: Miss Eve Mitchell, of Gates county, a pupil of the C. B. F. Institute, died there Sunday morning after a short illness, aged about seventeen years. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. John Mitchell, arrived a few hours before her death.

— Greensboro *Record:* Robert Stevenson (always pronounced Stinson) living in Summer township, died very suddenly Friday night. He was in town Friday, as well as usual, so far as is known. That night when he went to bed he took two grains of quinine. Next morning he did not arise at his usual time, and when some one went to him to awaken him, he was found to be dead.

— Hillsboro *Observer*: Manuel White, a colored man who lived in Little River township, Orange county, near the Durham county line, died suddenly at his home Monday night, February 8th, while sitting in a chair. His neighbors sey that he was 102 years old at the time of his death, and that he died of old age. He was a man of excellent character and was a Democrat. He voted for Bryan for President in the last election, and said he was too old to change his politics.

— Salisbury *World*: Mrs. Thos. Brown, who lives at St. John's mill on the Yadkin river, lies at her home to-day a corpse—dead—as the result of her own imprudence. Saturday night Mrs. Brown was suffering with a headache. She could obtain no relief from any of the many remedies which she had tried and as a last resort took a dose of laudanum to put her to sleep. During the night she had frequently resorted to the laudanum and yesterday morning early drained the bottle of its last drop. At 9 o'clock she was a corpse.

— Newton *Enterprise*: Wednesday Mr. Jacob Setzer, who lives about a mile east of Newton, with his brother, were chopping wood, and they chopped a tree which fell into the fork of another tree and lodged. It was so well balanced that the only way to get it to the ground was to go under this trap and chop the tree upon which it had lodged. When this tree was chopped off the lodged tree and all came down so suddenly that Mr. Setzer could not get out of the way soon enough and was caught under the falling mass. As soon as it was possible a runner was sent into town for assistance. Drs. Whiteside and Yount went at once and found Mr. Setzer in a very precarious condition. The right ear was mashed or torn off, the left leg was shattered from the knee to the ankle, the right hip was mashed and bruised and the back was badly hurt.

— Asheboro *Courier*: On last Saturday afternoon two young negroes, Lon Thorpe, sentenced to the Chatham roads for three years, and Clifton Cole, awaiting his trial at Spring term for larceny, attacked Jailor Free when he opened the door to the cell. One of the negroes walked out of the cell with the plates and bucket. Mr. Free ordered him back in the cell when the negro started back and on getting to the door wheeled around and grabbed the jailer round the waist, while the other negro rushed at him, seizing his throat. The negroes are large men, weighing something like 200 pounds each, they overpowered the jailor who was attacked so unexpectedly. His presence of mind was, however, such as to give an alarm, when Mr. Z. F. Rush, Jr., and others arrived. It was a very narrow escape for Mr. Free, who was during the time severely choked, while the negroes searched his pockets for the outside door key. Fortunately Mr. Free kept them out of the pocket in which the key was until help came. Mr. Free's throat is very sore yet, having been so severely dealt with that he was unconscious when Mr. Rush arrived.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, recently appointed by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, has made his appointments for the first round, as follows:

Jacksonville and Richlands, at Jacksonville, February 20, 21.

Elizabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown, February 27, 28.

Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 6, 7.

Onslow circuit, at Queen's Creek, March 13, 14.

Brunswick circuit, at Concord, March 20, 21.

Columbus circuit, Evergreen, March 27, 28.

Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville (night), March 28.

Waccamaw circuit, Shiloh, March 30.

Magnolia circuit, Magnolia, April 3, 4.

Bladen circuit, at Bethlehem, April 10, 11.

Got on the Watch.

"Can I get anything on this watch?" asked the society burglar as he presented a stolen chronometer at the sign of the three balls.

"About four years, I should think," replied the detective who had been waiting for the missing goods to turn up. — Washington Times.

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Schemes For Cooling Whole Towns—Many Substitutes to Take the Place of Rain. Modern Genius Hard at Work For the Benefit of Sufferers From Heat.

It is our duty to keep cool—not only our duty to ourselves, but to our neighbors and the community in general—according to recent revelations made by sanitary climatologists. Disease germs within our bodies are believed by them to develop much more extensively in the heat of summer than in the coolness of winter. This is for the reason that most disease germs are vegetables, and hot weather is most favorable to vegetable life. And there is this consideration of still great importance—the human animal is found to be more criminal and more liable to insanity during hot than during cold weather.

Valuable lessons in the art of keeping cool may be learned from the specifications of recent patents granted by the government to hundreds of inventors, ingenious and otherwise, who have struggled with the problem for commercial purposes.

A western inventor recently patented a scheme by which he claims he can artificially cool a whole community at little expense. At certain intervals he would erect skeleton towers—like windmill towers—each having an electric trolley wire running from bottom to top. The wire transports peculiarly made bombs to the top, where they are exploded by electricity. The bombs contain liquefied carbonic acid gas, which, when liberated by the explosive, will instantly evaporate and severely chill the surrounding atmosphere.

A Canadian inventor patents a unique system by which air passes through a conservatory or hotbed of flowers before being cooled and circulated through the house. By this means the air is not only cooled, but purified and scented with the sweet odor of violets, hyacinths, lilies of the valley or what not.

Another inventor, claiming to have solved the hot wave problem, would construct a large gas envelope shaped like the section of an orange. Along the lower edge runs a thick pipe of aluminium perforated like the rear spout of a street sprinkler. To this is connected a hose of light rubber or other material, which may be screwed to a fire plug or spigot. At the ends of the gas envelopes are cables fastened to carriages at either side, containing pulley attachments. In dry weather this contrivance may be sent aloft, against the wind if there be any, being controlled by the vehicles below. It can be directed over the tops of high buildings and high trees.

A Nashville citizen would do away with the popular custom of playing the hose upon the front pavement. In substitution therefor he would resort to a scheme by which coolness and sanitation might be jointly accomplished. He would line the streets of our cities on either side with large pipes, just under the curb. At short intervals these would contain spouts, spreading streams upon the concrete street in front and converting it into a trough, to be cleanly drained by sewers at the termination of a slope at each side. This system of flushing jets being turned on at certain times each day, it is claimed, would cool the entire city as well as cleanse the streets.

For smaller and cheaper devices patents are even more plentiful. An enterprising Buckeye inventor recently patented a contrivance by which any person suffering from the heat may convert himself into a living fountain of cold crystal water. The contrivance consists of a loosely fitting collar of rubber and a large basin or dish several feet in diameter. The collar fits over the neck and shoulders. It contains many perforations on the under side. To keep cool by its means the wearer sits in a chair placed in the middle of the basin, connects a hose to the collar and enjoys the continuous passage of a slowly flowing current of any temperature over his limbs and body. The same may be used as a shower bath for cleansing as well as cooling purposes.

If you are a chronic sufferer from the heat, besides supplying yourself with some of the ingenious devices mentioned, you should purchase a mattress and pillows, as recently patented—made of a light waterproof material—to be filled with ice water. This might be comfortably combined with a device patented by a Jacksonville inventor, who would inclose your bedstead in a conical sack of mosquito netting, this inclosure terminating in a metallic cylinder at the top. Inside the cylinder revolves an electric fan arranged to suck the air directly up, sending it out at the top. You are thus left to sweet repose in a coolness without either a draft against the body or the stifling atmosphere usually produced by mosquito netting. Should this not suffice, you might employ the unique contrivance designed by a patentee who calls his invention a "fanning cover." An ordinary sheet is placed over the usual bedclothes and is mounted upon a wire frame, one end of which is hinged to the footboard and the other to a light motor. By simply touching a switch at your side you may cause the cover to shake up and down at a lively pace, causing a refreshing breeze and terrifying all denizens of the night which seek to disturb your slumbers.

While sitting upon your lawn in the evening you may enjoy the invention of a Minneapolis citizen who utilizes the water power in an ordinary garden hose to turn a rotary fan at a high speed. The fan is mounted upon a metallic pedestal and may be turned to create a current in any desired direction.

While riding upon your wheel you may further enjoy the breeze from a small fan revolving in a guard of network between the handle bars. A friction wheel beneath rubs against the tire of your front wheel. While driving in your carriage you may enjoy a similar adaptation to your wheels.

In fact, you cannot get outside the realm of automatic fans. If you are in the country, where no electricity is to be had, you may enjoy the comforts of a combination rocking chair and rotary fan, or you may wear a newfangled hat, recently patented, having in the top a fan wheel to be actuated by clockwork.—Washington Star.

How Do People "Reminisce?"

How do people remember anything? How do they "reminisce?" Mr. Locker, struck by the scantiness of his own recollections, says, "Wonderful fellow, James Boswell!" As a rule, if you ask anybody about some great person whom they knew well, they remember next to nothing. It is said that Dean Milman, who was much attached to Macaulay, had very little of moment to tell about him. Yet Dean Milman was no stupid man, though the amiable critic who attacks Mr. Saintsbury so often in The Saturday Review seems to hold that Milman had a bad style—because Macaulay said so. This is a digression. To remember about people is a special gift. They amused, they delighted us, and we cannot say why. About the little I saw of Lord Tennyson I remember next to nothing. I was in too great a fright. Boswell took notes immediately after his talks with Johnson. Lockhart thought this wrong—not honorable. One is glad Bozzy was of a different opinion. We have all reason to be grateful to James.

Reminiscences are not possible to me, yet I would fain say, without going into details, how pleasant a memory one keeps of a man in high social place, lately dead. Lord Bath was not prominent in politics. He wrote but little and rarely. What one recalls now are his unaffected goodness, his charm, his kindness, his great knowledge of letters, the humor of his conversation, the pleasantness and courtesy of his manner. It may be guessed that he was shy, and shy people who are also modest are apt to be misjudged. They who knew him even as slightly as I myself did, valued him and deeply regret his loss.—Longman's Magazine.

Pooling of Tips.

"Yesterday morning," said a cosmopolite, "I gave a man a tip after breakfast and he promptly passed it to the head waiter. I called the waiter back and asked him why he passed over the money. He told me that it was the rule of the house that the money should be put in a common fund and distributed every week equally among the waiters. He said that no other system had ever adjusted the differences in the advantages that position and acquaintance gave some of them over the others, while the plan of combining the tips and distributing them at the end of every week satisfied every man. This system prevails in Germany and France, but one rarely sees it here."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

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Foot

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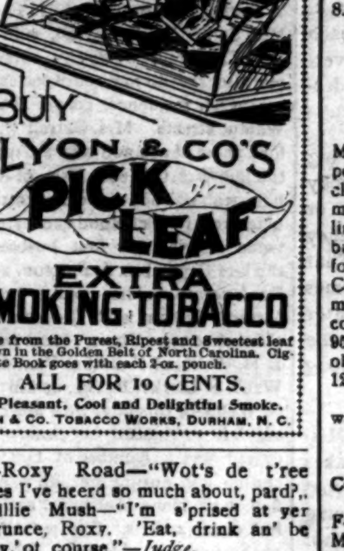

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6
Standard		@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℘ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℘ ℔	6	@	7
Shoulders ℘ ℔	6	@	6¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℘ ℔	4⅞	@	5
Shoulders ℘ ℔		@	4⅝
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 35	@	1 40
New City, each	1 30	@	1 40
BEESWAX ℘ ℔	23	@	24
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℘ M	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℘ ℔	15	@	
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	33	@	40
Virginia Meal	40	@	4[illegible]
COTTON TIES—℘ bundle		@	95
CANDLES—℘ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	9	@	10
CHEESE—℘ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream	11	@	12
State		@	10
COFFEE—℘ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	11	@	16
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℘ yard		@	5¾
Yarns, ℘ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℘ dozen		@	10
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℘ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℘ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℘ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℘ half-barrel	8 00	@	[illegible] 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℘ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℘ barrel	3 00	@	3 00
Mullets, ℘ pork barrel	5 75	@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℘ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℘ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	3 35	@	3 50
FLOUR—℘ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 25
Straight	4 75	@	5 00
First Patent	5 50	@	5 75
GLUE—℘ ℔—	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White,	40	@	42½
Car load, in bags—White,	38	@	39
Oats, from store	30	@	33½
Oats, Rust Proof	45	@	45
Cow Peas	75	@	85
HIDES, ℘ ℔—			
Green		@	16
Dry		@	18
HAY, ℘ 100 ℔s—			
Eastern		@	1 00
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ℘ ℔		@	2
LARD, ℘ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℘ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ℘ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℘ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hhds		@	28
" " in bbls		@	30
Porto Rico, in hhds	27	@	29
" in bbls		@	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	13	@	
NAILS, ℘ keg, Cut 60d basis	1 75	@	1 85
PORK, ℘ barrel—			
City Mess	9 00	@	9 25
Rump		@	8 75
Prime		@	8 75
ROPE, ℘ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℘ sack Alum		@	75
Liverpool		@	60
Lisbon		@	
American		@	60
On 125 ℔ Sacks	40	@	40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℘ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℘ ℔—Standard Granu'd		@	[illegible]
Standard A		@	[illegible]
White Ex. C		@	[illegible]
Extra C, Golden	4	@	[illegible]
C. Yellow		@	[illegible]
SOAP, ℘ ℔—Northern	3¼	@	4
STAVES, ℘ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℘ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	4 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
TALLOW, ℘ ℔	4	@	
WHISKEY, ℘ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE February 24.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market dull at 25½ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 25 cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained, and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at 90 cents per bbl of 280 ℔s.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Steady. Hard 1.30, Soft 1 80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 29½; rosin, strained, $1 10; good strained, $1.15; tar, $1.00; crude turpentine, $1.10, 1.50, 1.70.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	98
Rosin	1,379
Tar	281
Crude Turpentine	10

Receipts same day last year—39 casks spirits turpentine, 665 bbls rosin, 273 bbls tar, 00 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 6⅝c for middling.

Ordinary	4⅜	cts ℘ ℔
Good Ordinary	5⅜	" "
Low Middling	6⅜	" "
Middling	6⅝	" "
Good Middling	7 1-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 7⅛c.

Receipts—332 bales; same day last year 500.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Peanuts have advanced in price since last quotations, farmers' stock bringing from 60 to 70c.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 60@65c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 65c; Fancy, 75c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45@50c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN.—Firm; 40 to 42 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2 25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $5.00 to 8.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, February 23—Evening.—Money on call to-day was easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan at 1½ per cent. closing offered at 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper was 3 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with the actual business in bankers bills at 485¼ for sixty days, and 487 for demand. Commercial bills 483¼@484¼. Government bonds were firm; United States coupon fours 113; United States twos 95¼. State bonds neglected; North Carolina fours 102½; North Carolina sixes 122. Railroad bonds firm.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was dull.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, February 23—Evening.—Cotton steady; middling 7⅛c.

Cotton futures—market closed steady; February 6 89, March 6 89, April 6 95 May 7 01, June 7 05, July 7 10, August 7 12, September 6 77, October 6 69, November 6 71, December 6 76. Sales 150,600 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 380 bales; gross 8,381 bales; exports to Great Britain 5,200 bales; to France 1,250 bales; to the Continent 7,166 bales; forwarded 3,603 bales; sales 7,393 bales; sales to spinners 393 bales; stock 267,461 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 16 096 bales; exports to Great Britain 5 200 bales; to France 1,250 bales; to the Continent 7,393 bales; stock 931,351 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 50,600 bales; exports to Great Britain 26,951 bales; to France 1,250 bales; to the Continent 38 912 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 5,856,019 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,516,151 bales; exports to France 562,339 bales; exports to the Continent 1,478,432 bales; to the Channel 5 481 bales.

Flour was quiet and about steady; winter wheat, low grades $2 80@3 30; do. fair to fancy $3 45@4 50; do. patents $4 60@5 00; Minnesota clear $3 50@3 95; patents $4 10@4 85; low extra $2 30@3 30; city mills $4 00@4 90; do. patents $4 80@5 05; Southern flour was dull but steady; common to fair extra $2 20@3 50; good to choice $3 60@4 00. Wheat—spot dull and easier with options; No. 2 red free on board 89⅛c; ungraded 74@90c; No. 1 Northern 85⅝c; options opened weak and declined ⅛@1c, rallied ⅛@⅝c, declined 1@1⅛c, rallied ⅛c asked and closed firm at 1⅛@1⅝c under Saturday, with trading fairly active; No. 2 red February 82⅛c; March 82⅝c; April 81⅝c; May 81c; June 80⅝c; July 78⅞c; September 76⅛c. Corn—spot dull and easier; No. 2 29⅛c at elevator and 30⅛c afloat; options dull but steady at ⅛@⅜c decline; February 29⅛c; May 30c; July 31⅛c. Oats—spot quiet and steady; options were dull but steady; February 21⅝c; May 21⅝c; July 22⅜c; spot prices—No. 2, 21⅝c; No. 2 white 23⅛c; mixed Western 20@23. Lard quiet and easy; Western steam $4 17½; city $3 80; May $4 30, nominal; refined lard was dull; Continental $4 45, South American $4 65; compound $4 00@4 75. Pork easy; new mess $8 25@8 75. Butter lower, with a fair demand; State dairy 10@18c; do. creamery 13@18c; Elgins 19c. Eggs easier; demand moderate; State and Pennsylvania 19c; ice house, per case $2 25@3 50; Western fresh 12½c; Southern 17@18½c; limed 13@13½c. Cotton seed oil quiet and firm; crude 20@20½c; yellow prime mercantile 23⅞@24c. Rice firm, with a good demand; domestic, fair to extra 3⅝@6c; Japan 4¼@4½c. Molasses steady, with a moderate demand; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice 18@30c. Peanuts were quiet; fancy hand picked 3¼@3⅜c. Coffee quiet and unchanged to 5 points down; February $9 10; March $9 15; May $9 20 July $9 25@9 30; August $9 30; September $9 30@9 35; spot Rio dull and easy; No. 7 $9 62½. Sugar—raw firm, with a fair demand; fair refining 2⅝c; refined sugar quiet and firm; off A 4@4½c; standard A 4⅜c; cut-loaf and crushed 5c; granulated 4⅜c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Cash quotations: Flour—the market was quiet and steady; hard wheat spring patents $4 00@4 30 in wood, soft wheat patents $3 90@4 10, hard wheat bakers' $2 75@3 25 in sacks; soft wheat bakers' $3 00@3 25; winter wheat $4 00@4 30 in wood. Wheat—No. 2 spring 73⅝@75⅝c; No. 2 red 85@86⅝c. Corn—No. 2, 22⅝@23c. Oats—No. 2 16⅛@16⅜. Mess pork $7 85@7 90. Lard $3 87½@3 90. Short rib sides, loose $3 90@4 15. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4 50@4 75. Short clear sides, boxed, $4 25@4 37½. Whiskey $1 17.

The leading futures ranged as follows, opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—February 74⅝@74⅝, 75¼ 73⅝, 74c; May 75⅝@76, 76⅝, 75, 75⅝c; July 72⅜, 73¼, 71⅝, 72⅛c; September 70⅝, 71⅜, 69⅝, 70⅛c. Corn—February 22⅝, 23⅛, 22⅝, 23c; May 24¼, 24⅝, 24¼, 24⅝c; July 25⅜, 25⅝, 25¼@25⅜, 25⅜@25⅜c; September 26⅝, 27⅛, 26⅝, 27⅛@27c. Oats—No. 2 February 15⅝, 15⅝, 15⅝, 15⅝c; May 17¼, 17⅝, 17⅛, 17⅛c; July 18, 18⅛, 18, 18⅛c. Mess pork May $7 95, 8 00, 7 92½, 7 95; July $8 12½, 8 12½, 8 07½, 8 07½. Lard—May $4 00, 4 02½, 3 97½, 4 00; July $4 10, 4 10, 4 07½, 4 05½. Short ribs—May $4 05, 4 10, 4 05, 4 07½; July $4 17½, 4 17½, 4 12½, 4 15.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 23.—Flour dull; Western superfine $2 65@3 00; do extra $3 25@3 90, do family $4 25@4 60; winter wheat patents $4 75@5 00; spring $4 40@4 65; do straight $4 20@4 50. Wheat unsettled and lower; spot 89c bid; May 81¼@82c; Southern by sample 90@91c; do on grade 84¼@89¼. Corn easy; spot and February 26@26¼c; March 26¼@26½c; April 26⅜@26⅝c, May 27⅞@28⅛c; Steamer mixed 25@25½c; Southern white 28@28⅛c; do yellow 26½@27c. Oats quiet; No. 2 white 23@24c; No. 2 mixed 21@22.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Feb. 23—Galveston, steady at 6 15-16, net receipts 3,450 bales; Norfolk, firm at 6⅝, net receipts 1,255 bales; Baltimore, firm at 6⅞, net receipts 1,255 bales; Boston, holiday, net receipts — bales; Wilmington, firm at 6⅝, receipts 332 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 7⅛c, net receipts 226 bales; Savannan, quiet at 6⅝, net receipts 1,397 bales; New Orleans, firm at 6 15-16, net receipts 8 043 bales; Mobile, holiday, net receipts — bales; Memphis, holiday, net receipts — bales; Augusta, steady at 7, net receipts 524 bales; Charleston, steady at 6 13-16, net receipts 280 bales.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 23.—12.30 P. M.—Cotton quiet and prices firm. American middling 3 29 32d. Sales 10,000 bales, of which 8,800 were American; speculation and export 500. Receipts 25,000 bales, of which 15,800 were American. Futures opened quiet and demand poor. American middling (l m c): February 3 56 64d; February and March 3 55-64d; March and April 3 55-64d; April and May 3 55 64@3 56 64d; May and June 3 56 64d; June and July 3 57 64d; July and August 3 56-64@3 57-64d; August and September 3 53 64@3 54-64d; November and December 3 43 64d. Futures quiet but steady.

12.45 P. M.—American spot grades 1 32d higher. American middling fair 4⅜d; good middling 4 1-16d; middling 3 15-16d; low middling 3⅝d; good ordinary 3⅜d; ordinary 3 7-16d.

4 P. M.—American middling (l m c) February 3 56 64d seller; February and March 3 56 64d seller; March and April 3 56 64d seller; April and May 3 56 64d buyer; May and June 3 56 64@3 57-64d seller; June and July 3 56 64@3 57 64d seller; July and August 3 57-64d seller; August and September 3 54 64d value; September and October 3 48-64d buyer; October and November 3 44 64d seller; November and December 3 43 64d seller. Futures closed steady.

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I wander the world, and I'll wander again,
With gladness my portion where others know weeping
And mirth for my songbook where others read pain.

With zest speeding onward as bee to the clover,
God's world in its fairness his birthgift to me,
'Twixt me and the sunshine the eyes of no lover,
All soft tones evading, I laugh and go free.

Adown purple hills steal the mists of the coming,
But few are my thoughts what that future may be.
The lark's sky born anthem, the velvet bee's humming,
Sound sweeter than love word or love song to me.

Yet sometimes I linger and hush in my singing
And wait for the passing of unsteady feet
And sigh when I hear baby laughter soft ringing
And wonder awhile if my freedom be sweet.

Yet sometimes comes wanting, unchecked and unchidden,
When cold falls God's sunlight athwart the pale grass,
And down in the daisies I kneel me, face hidden,
And kiss the kind earth baby footsteps will pass.

—London Spectator.

THE BOY OF THE BAND

Boy Sladen of the band lay ill of fever, and the hospital orderly, who had wide experience in these things, had told the colonel that he was "mortal bad." "It's now Tuesday, sir," said the orderly. "It'll be much if he sees the week through."

"He doesn't want for anything, does he?" asked the colonel.

"Not anything in the way of luxuries or attention, sir," said the orderly, whose limbs were sore with working for the boy. "He's mortal bad or he wouldn't be after puttin me aside for the sake of a woman."

The colonel looked curiously at the orderly. "And why for the sake of a woman?" he demanded.

"That's the strange part of it, sir," returned the orderly. "Ever since he woke this mornin he's been askin for a woman—talkin of how he's never known the love of one, an how he thinks he'd die easier if he could have a young 'un an a pretty 'un by his side to see him off. If Boy Sladen'll talk like that, sir, he's in a bad way."

"Did he really say that?" asked the colonel.

"The words I've told you are the words he used, sir," said the orderly.

"Then he shall have one," said the colonel, and he strode to the orderly room, telephoned to the Nurses' institution and in the tones that he adopted when ordering goods from the town he desired the matron to send to the barracks at once a young and pretty nurse for Boy Sladen of the band. Within an hour a gentle nurse, wearing a neat black cloak and a dainty bonnet, passed the sentry on the main guard on her way to the hospital. The sentry stared a moment at the apparition, then stood bolt upright, and feeling that so unusual spectacle called for unusual honor he shouldered arms.

Nurse Gaughan stepped softly up to the bed in which Boy Sladen lay and put her cool hand on his forehead. The heavy eyelids were raised, and Boy Sladen looked with dull astonishment at her face.

"Who are you?" he asked in a feeble voice.

"I'm Nurse Gaughan," she answered. "But go to sleep again. You mustn't talk. The more you keep quiet the sooner you'll get well."

Boy Sladen laughed a curious little laugh.

"Get well?" he echoed. "Not this journey. The doctor's given me up—I heard him tell Dennis, the orderly, that it was all up with the lad. He thought I was asleep, but I wasn't. Has the colonel sent for you?"

Nurse Gaughan nodded.

"Isn't he good?" asked the boy. "It's all because I said I wanted a woman to be near me. There aren't many colonels who would do the same, are there?"

Nurse Gaughan shook her head. Her knowledge of colonels was limited, and she would have acquiesced if the boy had said they were all fiends.

"There, now, you must go to sleep, or I'm sure the colonel will be angry," she said as she made believe to smooth a pillow.

"Then I'll try," said Boy Sladen, and he closed his eyes.

Some flowers were on the mantelpiece and on a little table near the bed, while on the wall, facing Boy Sladen, was a colored picture of a gorgeous drummer boy, upon whom a host of phantomlike eyes from a supposed crowd were gazing in stony admiration. This was the work of Private Dennis, and he thought of all as he leaned against the married quarters and gazed dreamily at the hospital.

The heart of the hospital orderly was heavy within him as he gazed. He had been dethroned, his charge had been taken from him, and the boy was to die while in the hands of strangers. Dennis' flowers were in the hospital. It was Dennis' affection which had prompted the idea of the gorgeous drummer, and Dennis' scanty funds that had bought the print.

Dennis sighed, for a friendship as strong as it was strange had grown up between him and the boy. The darling wish of the lad was to become a drum major and wield the splendid staff of office, and the great ambition of the private was to qualify for noncommissioned rank. And so they helped each other, Dennis telling all he knew of military duty and Boy Sladen instructing Dennis in subjects with which he had to be familiar if he wished to get promotion.

The orderly stepped softly back into the hospital—so softly that Nurse Gaughan, who was looking at the little patient, did not hear him, and she started when she turned and saw him.

"I've come back," began Dennis, "to see if we couldn't make some arrangement about the boy."

Nurse Gaughan was silent still and stared helplessly.

"I've watched an cared for him up to this point," continued Dennis in a low voice, "an I don't quite see that it's right for a stranger to come in an take all the work out of a man's hands, especially such a man as me, for I'm a sort of father, mother an brother to him. I was by his father's body when the Paythans left him, an it was a shot from my rifle that brought down the man who knifed him. That's the reason why Boy Sladen took to me even before the colonel, an that's why, first and foremost, I've a claim to see to the wants an wishes of the boy."

Nurse Gaughan could not understand. This speech was too great a puzzle for her to unravel, and she still kept silence.

"That bein so," continued the orderly, "I think we ought to come to some arrangement."

Nurse Gaughan murmured, "Certainly, if you wish," and Dennis went away contented.

The arrangement that had been made answered well, and Boy Sladen, watched incessantly and closely, wanted for nothing. But his stay on earth was limited, and both Nurse Gaughan and Private Dennis knew it. To Nurse Gaughan he became friendly and confidential as the week wore on, and his greatest pleasure was to draw a picture of himself as the drum major.

"You know what the drum major is, nurse?" he asked one day.

"Yes," replied Nurse Gaughan readily, forgetting for the moment Boy Sladen's ambition.

"Some day, nurse," continued Boy Sladen, "for I'm getting stronger now, and I shall soon be able to get out of bed, I shall march at the head of ours as drum major. Then when I'm a man you'll see me go past, and you'll say to your husband and children, for it'll be some time yet, 'See, that's Boy Sladen of the band, that I nursed through a fever!' And I shall know what you say, although I shan't be able to look. I'm certain that if you're about I shall know."

"But," said Nurse Gaughan, "hadn't you better go to sleep? Do try and rest a little."

"I don't want to go to sleep," said Boy Sladen. "Why, the men'll be parading soon. Even if I went to sleep I should wake up as soon as I heard the band play and the tramp of the feet. I'll go to sleep when they've left barracks. That'll be two hours yet. Won't you try and go to sleep a bit, nurse? You look so tired and worn out. Do try, or I'll feel I'm a nuisance."

"Nurses mustn't sleep on duty," said Nurse Gaughan, "but I'll sit in the chair, if that will please you."

"Well, do that, then," said Boy Sladen.

Nurse Gaughan, weary with watching, felt a drowsiness steal over her that she could not conquer. She glanced more than once at her charge, but he made no sign of wanting her help, and when she last looked his eyes were closed, and he seemed to be asleep. No sound broke the silence, and Nurse Gaughan also closed her eyes and slumbered.

Boy Sladen's sleep was short and troubled. His delirium was returning, and when he woke he started up in bed and looked wildly about. Nurse Gaughan slept on, and Boy Sladen, hearing the shuffling of feet outside, cast the bedclothes silently from him and crept noiselessly to the window. He saw the men falling in, and a mad idea seized him. He glanced at the nurse, who slumbered still; then crept softly past her, and as soon as he was outside ran swiftly toward the battalion. He was in rear of the men, and no one saw him coming.

The drum major, pompous in demeanor and rigid in the wealth of gold and scarlet that a generous people gave him, had taken up his post at the head of the band. The staff, with the great silver ornament at the head of it, was gracefully balanced against his tunic, and the drum major was pulling on his white gloves just a shade more, for the women were watching from the married quarters. Suddenly the staff was wrenched away, and looking in stupid amazement for the cause he saw Boy Sladen standing beside him, clad only in his nightdress, bareheaded and barefooted.

A wild light was shining in Boy Sladen's eyes. He planted the staff firmly on the ground at arm's length, then twirled it round his head as he had seen the drum major twirl it, and before any one had time to speak he cried, "Strike up the 'March of Gordon's Own!'" He stepped out gravely, as the drum major did, and turned the staff rhythmically and in graceful circles in the air.

He was humming the tune as he marched, when Nurse Gaughan, startled and terrified, ran across the parade toward him. She seized the staff, and heedless alike of its magnificence and the stony horror of the drum major, flung it to the ground, and putting her arms around Boy Sladen she lifted his little, wasted form and bore it into the hospital.

The colonel's quick eye had caught Boy Sladen's words. "It's the last favor he'll ever need," he muttered, and he repeated the command.

The drums were beaten bravely, the cymbals clashed melodiously, and the reed and brass made martial music as the battalion crunched the gravel of the parade to the "March of Gordon's Own."

An hour later Boy Sladen of the band was dead. But he was satisfied. He had realized his ambition.—Strand Magazine.

and Armenians.

The Russian people cared a great deal about the Bulgarians. They do not care at all about the Armenians. Englishmen are apt to be puzzled by this difference of attitude. They would find it more intelligible if they bore in mind the place that religion holds in the Russian mind. The Bulgarians belonged to the same church—the Russian peasant does not trouble himself about "autocephalous" distinctions—the Armenians do not belong to the church at all. They are monophysite heretics, and though the peasant probably thinks that it might be better that they should get their punishment from the orthodox czar than from the Mussulman Turk, he is not greatly concerned that they should get it.

This is an example of indifference originating in religious diversity, just as the last war with Turkey was an example of sympathy originating in religious agreement, but it serves equally well to enforce the paramount part that religion plays in the formation of Russian popular opinion.—London Spectator.

Awful.

"Rivers, was that filled cheese we had at the free lunch counter a little while ago?"

"I think it was."

"It was abominable stuff. Why don't they runnet out of the country?"

"I suppose they will, Brooks, as soon as they can make out a kase against it."

And in the silence that followed nothing was heard except the monotonous sound of burglars breaking into the various houses in the neighborhood and carrying away rich booty.—Chicago Tribune.

The Insistent Heathen.

"Still taking up collections to send flannels to the heathen?" asked the sarcastic man.

"Oh, dear, no," answered the earnest woman. "They insist on getting bicycles now before they will even think of becoming converted."—Indianapolis Journal.

Cooks In 1807.

An English magazine printed in 1807 affords an opportunity to learn of the hygienic treatment of cooks at that period. Similar proceedings at the close of the century would promptly depopulate our kitchens. It appears that in England, at the date mentioned, it was considered the correct thing to administer medicine to cooks at stated intervals. This was insisted upon whether or no they resisted. The theory in vogue, as a reason for this heroic treatment, was that the continued fumes of cookery and the necessity of drinking often to cool the throat produced bile and humors that injured the sense of taste. The local effect was to excoriate the palate, and unless prompt remedies were applied it became callous and the cook's usefulness imperiled.

To restore the integrity of the organs of taste it was considered imperative to resort to the following treatment: The victim was first subjected to two days of preparatory regimen, when a decoction of manna, senna and salts was administered. One day's rest was allowed, when the dose was repeated. A respite of 48 hours intervened, when, if favorable results followed, a heavier dose was given.

The periodical quoted reviews the contingencies likely to arise from this enforced regimen. As a matter of precaution it insists that employers shall make service dependent upon prompt acquiescence in this heroic formula. If the cook is recalcitrant, she is either to be dismissed without payment of wages or reduced to the position of scullion. The forced administration of senna, manna and salts to the haughty beings who preside over our kitchens would promptly land heads of households in a police court, to say nothing of preliminary athletic manifestations with available pots and pans.

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The Icebox.

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Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9.10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9 42 a m, Rowland 10 00 a m, returning leaves Rowland 5 38 p m, arrives Dillon 5.56 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Pee Dee 6.30 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.00 p m, leave Conway 2 45 p m, Chadbourn 5.20 p m, arrive Hub 6.00 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 42 p m, Manning 7.10 p m, arrive Lane's 7 48 p m, leave Lanes 8.36 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 8 55 a m, arrive Darlington 9 28 a m, Cheraw 10 40 a m. Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 8.10 p m, arrive Darlington 8.40 p m., Hartsville 9 5 p m, Bennettsville 9 36 p m, Gibson 10 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 a m, arrive Darlington 9.27 a m, Hartsville 10 10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 30 a m, arrive Darlington 7 15 a m, leave Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 15 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 27 p m, arrive Florence 6 55 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 7 a m, Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 10 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.05 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 2.50 p m, Smithfield 2.58 p m, Dunn 3.35 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m, 1.10 a m, Rowland 5.38 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11.20 a m, 10.20 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.48 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.42 p m, 12.10 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 30 a m, Creston 5 21 a m, arrive Denmark 6 20 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 55 p m, Creston 5 47 p m, Sumter 6 40 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m, Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.45 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 8.45 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

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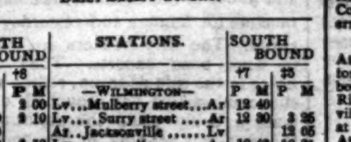

In Effect Sunday, May 17, 1896
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

NORTH BOUND *6	NORTH BOUND †8	STATIONS.	SOUTH BOUND †7	SOUTH BOUND ‡5
A M	P M	—WILMINGTON—	P M	P M
	3 00	Lv...Mulberry street...Ar	12 40	
7 00	3 10	Lv....Surry street....Ar	12 30	3 25
9 50		Ar..Jacksonville.......Lv		12 05
11 00	3 58	Lv " Ar	10 43	10 25
11 58	4 30	Lv..Maysville..........Lv	10 09	9 18
12 30	4 44	Lv..Pollocksville......Lv	9 55	8 50
1 30	5 21	Ar..Newbern...........Lv	9 20	8 00
	P M		A M	

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‡Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
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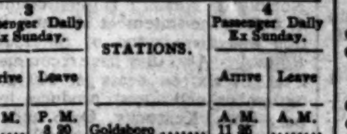
Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad
Time Table.



In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST. GOING WEST.

3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	3 Leave	STATIONS.	4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	4 Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 20	Goldsboro	11 25	....
....	4 12	Kinston...........	10 33	....
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 37	6 42	Morehead City...	8 01	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a. m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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SCHEDULE IN EFFECT FEB. 7, 1897.

WESTWARD.

	No. 41.	No. 403.
Leave Wilmington	*3 20 p m	....
Leave Lumberton	5 26 p m	....
Leave Maxton	6 13 p m	....
Leave Laurinburg	6 23 p m	....
Arrive Hamlet	6 53 p m	....
Leave Hamlet	7 13 p m	*6 10pm
Leave Rockingham	7 30 p m	5 23am
Leave Wadesboro	8 11 p m	....
Leave Marshville	8 48 p m	6 25am
Arrive Monroe	9 12 p m	6 43am
Leave Monroe	9 35 p m	7 30am
Arrive Charlotte	10 25 p m	8 30am
Arrive Mt Holly	....	9 10am
Arrive Lincolnton	....	10 35am
Arrive Shelby	....	11 48am
Arrive Ellenboro	....	12 20pm
Arrive Rutherfordton	....	12 54pm

*8 40 a m Leave......Hamlet......Arrive 6 20pm
10 00 a m Arrive......Cheraw......Leave †5 00pm

EASTWARD.

	No. 38	No. 402.
Leave Rutherfordton	....	*4 35pm
Leave Ellenboro	....	5 15pm
Leave Shelby	....	6 03pm
Leave Lincolnton	....	7 03pm
Leave Mt. Holly	....	7 50pm
Leave Charlotte	*5 10 am	8 25pm
Arrive Monroe	5 58 am	9 10pm
Leave Monroe	6 05 am	9 40pm
Leave Marshville	6 25 am	....
Leave Wadesboro	7 01 am	10 31pm
Leave Rockingham	7 41 am	11 05pm
Arrive Hamlet	7 55 am	11 23pm
Leave Hamlet	8 45 am	....
Leave Laurinburg	9 11 am	....
Leave Maxton	9 30 am	....
Leave Lumberton	10 18 am	....
Arrive Wilmington	12 30 pm	....

NORTHWARD.

Leave Hamlet	*8 15 am	*11 23pm
Arrive Raleigh	11 30 am	2 11am
Arrive Portsmouth	5 50pm	7 30am
Arrive Richmond	*8 50pm	*8 15pm
Arrive Washington	11 10pm	12 31pm
Arrive New York	6 53 am	6 23pm

SOUTHWARD.

Leave Monroe	*6 48am	*9 25pm
Arrive Abbeville	11 05am	1 40am
Arrive Athens	1 15pm	3 45am
Arrive Atlanta (Central Time)	2 50 pm	5 20am

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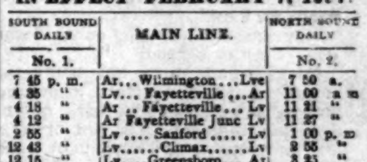

CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

IN EFFECT FEBRUARY 7, 1897.

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 1.	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 2.
7 45 p. m.	Ar...Wilmington...Lve	7 50 a.
4 35 "	Lv... Fayetteville ...Ar	11 00 a m
4 18 "	Ar .. Fayetteville... Lv	11 21 "
4 12 "	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	11 27 "
2 55 "	Lv .... Sanford Lv	1 00 p. m
12 43 "	Lv......Climax......Lv	2 55 "
12 15 "	Lv....Greensboro.... Ar	3 25 "
11 55 a m	Ar....Greensboro.... Lv	3 35 "
11 07 "	Lv....Stokesdale.... Lv	4 23 "
"		"
10 32 "	Lv..Walnut Cove...Lv	4 55 "
10 04 "	Lv....Rural Hall...Lv	5 26 "
8 40 "	Lv.....Mt Airy.....Ar	6 50 "

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 3.	Bennetsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 4.
7 20 p m	Ar...Bennettsville...Lv	8 20 a m
6 17 "	Lv.......Maxton.. .. Ar	9 25 "
5 36 "	Lv...Red Springs....Lv	10 01 "
4 49 "	Lv....Hope Mills....Lv	10 47 "
4 28 "	Lv....Fayetteville... Ar	11 03

SOUTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 15. MIXED.	Factory and Madison Branches.	NORTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 16. MIXED.
6 05 p m	Ar..... Ramseur.....Lv	6 45 a.
4 20 "	Lv ..... Climax Lv	8 35 "
3 25 "	Lv ... Greensboro. .. Ar	9 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 MIXED: daily ex su
Leave Greensboro	9 35 a. m
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND,	No. 15. MIXED. daily ex su
Leave Madison	12 30 p m
Leave Stokesdale	1 28 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 40 "

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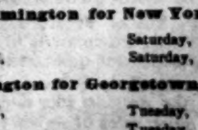

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 24, 1897

OFFICIALS RESIGNING.

Resignations of Ambassadors to England, France and Germany in the Hands of the Secretary of State.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The incoming mails of the past few days received at the State Department have been burdened with resignations of diplomatic and high consular officers abroad. It is a custom which has developed the force of an unwritten law for all diplomatic officers to place their resignations in the hands of the Secretary of State of the outgoing administration when the change of rulers, as in this case, involved a change of political parties. Mr. Bayard's resignation as ambassador to England, it is understood, was received some time since, as was also Mr. Eustis', as ambassador to France, and Mr. Uhl's, as ambassador to Germany. The consul generals at London, Paris and Liverpool, these being regarded as positions more important than many of the minor diplomatic posts, have also intimated that they await the nomination and qualification of their successor.

The resignation of Consul General Lee at Havana has not reached the State Department as yet. Presumably it is on the way, and a much discussed question is whether it is of the ordinary perfunctory kind or whether it is a fact, as has been stated (and denied), that the general has pressed its acceptance upon the grounds of dissatisfaction with the administration.

There are reasons for believing that the matter was to-day brought up in the Cabinet meeting. Emerging from the Cabinet meeting, Private Secretary Thurber said: "You may deny emphatically on my authority that General Lee has resigned."

Nevertheless, as the published statements are not that Gen. Lee has resigned, but that his resignation will be received by the next mail, some doubts as to whether serious friction had not arisen between the State Department and the consul general still remained unsettled. This feeling was somewhat increased by guarded remarks made by well-informed officials that Gen. Lee was a little inclined to be "hot-headed." There was a general under-current of suggestion rather than of statement that when our minister at Madrid and the consul general at Havana were directed to make "peremptory demands" upon Spain and those demands were not complied with by the Spanish authorities, the United States did not appear in a very dignified light when it had no force at hand to back up its requirements. This at least was said to be the view entertained by both Minister Hannis Taylor and Consul General Lee.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat Lower—Corn Higher—Oats and Provisions Lower.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—May wheat opened from 76 to 75⅝c, sold between 76⅝ and 75, closing at 75⅝c, 1⅛@1¼c under Saturday. Cash wheat was weak and 1c lower.

May corn opened at 24⅛c, sold between 24⅜ and 24⅛c, closing at 24⅜c, ⅛c higher than Saturday. Cash corn was ⅛c higher for through billed and steady for local.

May oats closed a shade under Saturday. Cash oats steady.

Information from the hog market this morning give to the traders in product nothing new on which to base a buying or selling argument. The run of hogs was moderate and the prices unchanged. Grain extended assistance to provisions, slight improvement being noted. Packers were fair buyers of pork. The cash demand being good helped to sustain the futures. May pork closed a shade under Saturday; May lard 2½@5c lower and May ribs unchanged.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

Large Number of Buyers in Town—Collections Generally Satisfactory.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The *Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin*, in its review of the week of the dry goods market, says: The large number of buyers in town have made their presence felt more in the jobbing houses than in the primary market. The demand at first hands has been moderate. Buyers have adhered steadfastly to a conservative policy, particularly on staple lines of cotton goods. They are not anxious to place orders for future delivery. In fancy cotton goods there has been a steady supplementary demand, chiefly for printed varieties, most of which are in good condition and prices well held. The woollen goods division has shown a good business passing in men's heavy weight woollens and worsteds, notably in the cheaper grades, and the new season is making fair progress. Collections continue generally satisfactory.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The *Sun* says Spot cotton here was unchanged. Sales were 7,000 bales for export and 398 for spinning.

The trading to-day was moderately active and the fluctuations in prices were frequent. New Orleans bought and sold here on a small scale, but the trading was in the main of a local, professional character. At first prices advanced slowly on a small local demand. The improvement, however, was soon lost in the absence of continued support. The receipts were larger than had been expected, and Liverpool reacted after a steady opening. Still later, prices rallied again on large sales of spot cotton for export and the market closed steady at a net advance for the day.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 23.—Rosin steady; strained common to good $1 70. Spirits turpentine quiet at 28½@29c.

CHARLESTON, February 23.—Spirits turpentine dull at 26c; sales — casks. Rosin quiet; sales of — barrels; A, B, C, D, E $1 35, F $1 40, G $1 45, H $1 50, I $1 60, K $1 70, M $1 80, N $1 85, W G $1 90, W W $2 10.

SAVANNAH, February 23.—Spirits turpentine firm at 26c, with sales of 372 casks; receipts 394 casks. Rosin quiet and unchanged; sales — barrels; receipts 3,478 barrels.

In the House, at Harrisburg, Pa., the bill prohibiting the wearing of high hats in theatres was defeated on final passage. The vote was: Yeas 79; nays 71.

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SENATE AND HOUSE.

CIVIL SERVICE LAW CRITICISED AND CONDEMNED.

Resolution Concerning the Death of Dr. Ruiz in a Cuban Jail—Indian Appropriation Bill—Naval Appropriation Bill Pass the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—In the Senate to-day a resolution was offered by Mr. Mills of Texas, Democrat, and was agreed to, requesting the President to furnish a statement of the facts concerning the arrest, imprisonment and death of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz in a Cuban jail.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report from the Secretary of State as to the persons claiming to be American citizens who were captured on board the Competitor. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. The report contains nothing new, Secretary Olney stating that "practically all the information called for by the resolution" had been submitted to the Senate January 22 last, and that since that date nothing had taken place of consequence either in the way of information received or correspondence exchanged.

Practically the entire day was consumed in a discussion of an amendment to the Indian Appropriation bill for the opening to settlement of the Uncompaghre Indian reservation in Utah, containing over two million acres.

The amendment was resisted by Mr. Vilas of Wisconsin, Democrat, principally on the ground that it was in the interest of rich corporations who were engaged in the business of extracting asphaltum and gilsonite, of which there are large and valuable deposits in the reservation. Before abandoning the fight Mr. Vilas proposed an amendment looking to the survey of these mineral lands and their division into lots which were then to be leased for twenty-five years, a royalty of so much per ton to be paid to the Government. This was fought by Mr. Brown of Utah, Republican, as entirely at variance with the mining laws of the country and with the interests of the people. It was defeated, and then the original amendment, somewhat modified, was agreed to. That one paragraph was the only paragraph which the Senate made on the Indian Appropriation bill. It was laid aside at 4.40 and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business, and shortly afterward adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a. m.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House late this afternoon ran unexpectedly into an interesting and possibly significant discussion of the civil service law. It came about by the consideration of a bill to amend the Revised Statutes, so as to give the Governors of Territories the powers to remove as well as to appoint territorial officers.

It was participated in by a dozen members or more, nearly all of whom criticised and condemned the civil service law, it finding its only defenders in Representatives Brosius, of Pennsylvania, Republican, and Walker, of Massachusetts, Republican.

Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, Republican, denounced the law as a "sinuous, infamous conspiracy upon the Government," and expressed the opinion that a tide was rising in this country which would sweep bureaucracy from power.

Mr. Bailey, of Texas, Democrat, denounced the system as a humbug, and said the reason why the Democratic party did not repeal the law, when it had the power, was that it did not have sense enough.

Mr. Brosius deprecated the sentiments of Mr. Grosvenor and of the Republican applause which their utterance evoked, saying that, in view of Major McKinley's well known attitude toward the merit system, it seemed to him "a flashing of a sword in the heart of the President-elect." The bill that started the debate was passed.

Most of the session was spent in consideration of the Naval Appropriation bill.

Mr. Barrett (Republican, of Massachusetts) criticised the bill for its failure to make appropriation for what he deemed to be one of the most important parts of the service, the construction of dry docks, and he moved an amendment authorizing one to be built at the Boston navy yard, to cost not exceeding $1 000,000. He made an extended speech in support of the amendment, which was followed by a long and somewhat acrimonious discussion, but it was finally defeated, only about half a dozen members supporting it. The bill was passed exactly as it came from the Committee on Naval Affairs.

At 5 15 the House adjourned until to-morrow.

EXPERT BURGLARS

Secure $2,500 from the Safe of the Albany Railway.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 23.—The safe of the Albany Railway was broken open by cracksmen at an early hour this morning and $2 500 or thereabouts, the company's receipts for Sunday and yesterday, were taken. The safe-crackers are believed to have been experts. They drilled holes in the safe door on either side of the combination and touched off the blast probably while the policeman on the beat was sending in his periodical return to headquarters from a distant police call-box. Bed quilts were used to deaden the noise of the explosion. The burglars are believed to have been in the building when the doors were locked for the night, as the entrance to the office building was not forced. The men left their jimmies and burglars' tools behind, but there is no other clew to their identity. The office of the railway is on Broadway, at the corner of State street, opposite the postoffice and within a stone's throw of the newspaper offices, and people are passing the building at all hours of the night.

JOINT TRAFFIC ASSOCIATION

Will Maintain West Bound Freight Rates Pending Further Negotiations.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The board of managers of the Joint Traffic Association have agreed to strictly maintain west bound freight rates pending further negotiations with the Norfolk & Western officials. The second cut made by the Norfolk & Western is fully confirmed, as well as the statement that the reduction was disregarded by the Southern Railway. Also they have recommended a rate of sixteen cents per 100 pounds on lumber and forest products for export from Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia points to Newport News and Norfolk, to take effect March 8.

Notwithstanding the objections advanced by the commandant of the Military Academy, Col. Ernst, to the cadets at West Point participating in the inaugural parade, the House Committee on Military Affairs yesterday by a practically unanimous vote, ordered favorable report on the joint resolution providing for their attendance.

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THE CRETAN TROUBLES.

GREECE ORDERED TO EVACUATE THE ISLAND.

Foreign Warships Blockading the Coast—Intense Excitement in Greece—King George Issues a Proclamation—The Autonomy of Crete Decided Upon.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—The *Gaulois* asserts that the Powers have called upon Greece to evacuate Crete within twenty-four hours, and that Greece has consented to do so, provided autonomy of the island is guaranteed.

CANEA, Feb. 23.—The foreign consuls have persuaded the Moslems and Christian combatants in the Selinos district to agree to a week's armistice.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 23.—It is announced here that the Cretan difficulties have been settled upon the basis of autonomy for the island, the Porte nominating the Governor of Crete under the assent and approval of the Powers. In view of the possibility that Greece will oppose such an arrangement, large quantities of munitions of war are being hurried to the Greek frontier and the Turkish troops there are being rapidly reinforced.

VIENNA, Feb. 23.—According to dispatches received here from Athens this morning, the representatives of the Powers made a demand upon the Government of Greece to day for the withdrawal of the Greek troops from the island of Crete.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—In the House of Commons to-day Right Hon. George M. Curzon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign Office, said in reply to an inquiry upon the subject that the signal for the bombardment of the insurgents' position at Canea was given by Admiral Canevaro, of the Italian navy, as commander of the united fleets by reason of seniority.

A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, replying to the request made yesterday by Sir William Harcourt that the instructions given to the British admiral at Canea be laid before the House, said that he was compelled to decline to comply with the demand, as it would be impolitic to do so.

ATHENS, Feb. 23.—A dispatch to the *Asty* from Canea says that the foreign warships are now rigorously blockading the coast of Crete. The British torpedo boats are especially active, rapidly steaming along the coast and keeping a sharp lookout to prevent the landing of troops, provisions or munitions of war. Many vessels have been stopped by the blockading fleets and not allowed to proceed until they satisfactorily proved that they were engaged in legitimate business. So strict is the blockade that the carrying of letters to the Piræus from the force of Colonel Vassos, the commander of the Greek army of occupation, is prohibited.

VIENNA, Feb. 23.—The *Fremdenblatt* says that the Powers are on the verge of an agreement as to the method to be pursued to restrain Greece from further hostile action in Crete and to settle the future administration of the affairs of the island. Lord Salisbury's proposals favoring the granting of autonomy to Crete under the administration of a Prince of Greece, the paper says, have virtually been adopted by the Powers.

CANEA, Feb. 23.—Great excitement was caused here last night by smart rifle firing to the westward of the town. It was soon learned that the firing was taking place between the Turkish outposts and Christian insurgents, and the report spread that the outposts had been driven back and the insurgents were approaching the town. Crowds of residents went to the ramparts of the city and anxiously watched the outcome of the fighting. The firing ceased in a short time without either side having gained any material advantage or, so far as known, causing any casualties.

A Turkish warship in Suda bay and the soldiers in the arsenal there to day fired repeatedly at the village which was shelled Sunday by the foreign fleets. There was absolutely no reason for this attack, except that the Turks were desirous of provoking an occasion for further intervention on the part of the European Powers. A white flag was flying over the position occupied by the insurgents, but this did not prevent the firing. The insurgents understanding, probably, the motives of the Turks did not reply to the fire.

The leaders of the insurgents who were shelled Sunday have made through the Greek commodore a formal protest against the action of the foreign admirals. They declare in their protest that acting in obedience to the Powers they refrained from actual hostilities against the Moslems as long as it was possible, but the Turks having shelled their position for two days they were finally compelled to reply to the fire. The protestors ask whether the Powers are determined to allow the Turks to destroy the Christians in Crete like they did the Armenians in Anatolia.

ATHENS, Feb. 23.—The entire country is in a state of intense anxiety and unrest over the situation and there is the widest speculation as to what the final outcome will be. The people are deeply incensed against the Powers for their intervention in Crete and their attitude is causing some apprehension in Court and Government circles.

King George to-day issued a proclamation that is intended to cool the popular passions and thus avert what might prove a national crisis. He enjoins the country to be calm and dignified and to confide in the Government, which, he says, is doing everything possible to uphold the honor of Greece and maintain the rights of the Hellenic people.

PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Plans Perfected For a Permanent and Superior service.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—At a full meeting to-day of the representatives of all the New York newspapers which are members of the United Press, of the Executive Committees of the New England Associated Press, of the Southern Associated Press, of the New York State Associated Press, of the Philadelphia Association and of the Scripps-McRae Press Association, the chairman was directed by a unanimous vote to inform all editors and proprietors of newspapers connected with the United Press and its associate organizations and clients, that the United Press is now in a strong financial condition. Its annual expenses have been amply provided for and a permanent effective service is assured to all newspapers which are associated with it directly or indirectly. A further investigation of the volume of business transacted by the United Associated Presses showed that the total annual business is more than $1,100,000. Arrangements have been made to-day for closer relations between the United Press and its allied organizations, for frequent meetings in New York and for the loyal co-operation of the representatives of the different associations connected with the United Press. It was the unanimous opinion of all of the gentlemen present that the United Press is now in a stronger position than ever before in its history to guarantee a permanent and superior service to all its members and clients.

CHAS. T. TAYLOR, Chairman.

A premature explosion of dynamite at the gravel pit at Murray, Ky., at noon yesterday killed five negro laborers and wounded as many more. Two of the injured will die.

THE FLOODS

CAUSE LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

Suffering Among the Poor is Great—Members of West Virginia Legislature Go to State House in Boats—Cloudburst Drowns Man and Wife and Four Children—Railroad Traffic Delayed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 23.—There is a heavy freshet in the James river. The water is 23 feet up at Columbia and rising over the wharves in this city.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Feb. 23.—Heavy rains have swollen the streams enormously in this vicinity. Two railway trestles near this city were washed away last night. All telegraph and telephone wires east of Knoxville are down and trains are standing still. Clinch river at Clinton registers 40 feet, and residents are leaving their homes. There is fear of great damage and loss of life.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Feb. 23.—The Kanawha valley is suffering from the worst flood in years. The city is under water. Members of the Legislature went to the State House in boats this morning, but no session was held, since the basement is flooded and the fires put out. Suffering among the poor is great, and churches and schools are filled with those driven from their homes. At a mass meeting to-day a relief fund of $500 was raised.

PITTSBURG, PA., Feb. 23.—The flood in the Monongahela river marked 27 feet to-day, and is expected to rise two feet more. But little water, however, is coming out of the Allegheny river, so the Monongahela flood is passing by without doing serious damage here. It has done considerable mischief up the river to factories located on the banks of the Monongahela and Little rivers. All the railroads in that section are either wholly interrupted or are working under great difficulty. At McKeesport the flood damage will reach $300 000.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Feb. 23.—The Ohio river has risen eight and a half feet here since yesterday morning, and is still rising at the rate of three inches an hour. The stage of the water on the falls is twenty-two feet, and it is expected to reach twenty-seven feet, which will flood the river front. Two thirds of the town of Corbin is under water. The damage is estimated at $85,000. The flood damage is Southeastern Kentucky is estimated at $300 000. The Kentucky river rose forty feet in two hours in the mountain country and swept everything before it. The Cumberland river destroyed all property in the bottom lands of Harlan county. Near Donkeyville Jonas Tyre was caught in Powell river and drowned. At Jackson the Kentucky river flooded the Arlington Hotel and broke three log booms, letting out 5 000 logs. Abe Reed, colored, was drowned while trying to save them. Beattyville is reported flooded but the wires are down and the tracks of the Richmond, Nicholasville, Irvine & Beattyville Railroad are washed away for a considerable distance, rendering communication impossible. The town of Farmer is under water. Fifty thousand logs have been lost in the Big Sandy valley. The mountain streams are full of wrecks of cabins and barns of the mountaineer residents. At Versailles, Ky., no trains are running to day on account of the damage by the flood at Valley View. The train which left Versailles last night at 6 30 o'clock, due at Richmond at 8 o'clock, was delayed until this morning.

FRANKFORT, KY., Feb. 23.—Streams in Kentucky are clear out of their banks and doing immeasurable damage. Several people have been drowned in various parts of the State. Much stock has been lost, fencing swept away and other property almost ruined. The streams all through the mountains are higher than for years. At Middlesboro yesterday a cloudburst deluged the locality, drowning Jas. Charwell, wife and four children. All but two blocks of Pineville, Ky., is covered, while a number of little towns along the north fork of the Kentucky river are under water. The people have been forced to seek shelter on the mountains. Reports from Jackson and other places up the north fork say there has been considerable loss of life and property. Mrs. Hutzell and little daughter were drowned in their house, which was washed from the mountain side in Breathitt county last night. Three men whose names could not be learned were drowned in one of the streams in Bell county.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 23.—The large tobacco warehouses on Front street are full of water to the first floors, but the stock of tobacco has been moved out. So far there has been little loss at those places. A Cattlesburg special says: The street car line on Centre street is covered with water. Residents on the square bounded by North, Front, Main and Centre streets are moving. The loss cannot be estimated. The greater loss is to timber men.

BALTIMORE, MD., Feb. 23.—Advices at midnight from Cherry Run, Hancock, Sir John's Run, and other points on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, which follows the Potomac river from Martinsburg to Cumberland, indicate that the water has not yet began to recede. The tracks are nine feet under water at Cherry Run, while at Sir John's Run they are covered by fourteen feet of water. Reports from other stations state that the tracks are covered for practically the whole distance of nearly one hundred miles from Martinsburg to Cumberland. At Harper's Ferry the water covers the old bridge and is within four feet of the new iron structure.

APPLICATION FOR RECEIVER.

Otis Smith Placed in Jail—Cyclone at Athens, Georgia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, February 23.—Otis Smith, the young embezzler, was placed in jail here to-day. He had been under the custody of detectives for four days. His shortage is estimated at about $10,000. He robbed personal friends and corporations without discrimination or favoritism.

An application was made to day by two stockholders for a receiver for the Georgia Security and Banking Company, of which Otis Smith was cashier. The stockholders say that Smith's embezzlement, added to the company's depressed assets, makes it practically bankrupt. Judge Lumpkin set the petition for a hearing on Saturday. The officers and some of the stockholders of the company declare that it is not insolvent and say that they will sue the stockholders and attorneys who filed the petition for a receiver.

A special to the *Constitution* from Athens, Ga., says that a cyclone struck that city to-day about noon and whipped off roofs and did much damage in a small way. The Lucy Cobb Institute was damaged and the roof was taken off a hall in which a cotillion was in progress. The dancers were deluged but no persons were seriously hurt.

Treasury balances: Coin $157,811,537, currency $60,038 044.

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HOOD'S PILLS are the favorite family cathartic and liver medicine. Price 25c.

HAVANA ADVICES.

George Scott, the American Citizen, Released—Gen. Lee Disposed to Resign If He Is Not Supported by His Government.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Feb. 23.—Charles Francis Scott, the American citizen who was arrested in Regla on the morning of February 9th and has since been detained in a Spanish jail, was to-day released from the state of incommunicado as the result of representations made to the acting Captain General, the Marquis of Ahumada, by United States Consul General Lee.

It is understood here that General Lee is disposed to resign if support of his actions is withheld by the American Government, but nothing positive is known here as to what is thought of the matter in Washington.

Americans here are free in their criticism of the Washington Government in the matter of backing up Consul General Lee and the report that the Spanish navy is concentrating is at present impossible of confirmation, no positive information regarding the statement being obtainable. Numbers of Spanish war vessels are continually arriving and departing.

SOUTHERN ICE MEN.

The Exchange Will Be Officially Opened at Charleston, S. C., To-day.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 23.—The annual convention of the Southern Ice Men's Exchange will be officially opened here to-morrow. Most of the delegates, over a hundred in number, are already in the city. To-day they were given a pleasant excursion around the city and to various points of interest. To-night they occupied boxes at the Academy of Music. During the afternoon the Executive Committee met, but only routine business was transacted. The business sessions of the convention will begin to-morrow, two sessions being held. One point to be discussed is the making the Association into a national one. There are many interesting papers to be read. President R. B. Graves of Memphis, is present and will open the convention. To-morrow evening an elaborate banquet at which a number of prominent men will speak will be given.

WARM WIRELETS.

Admiral Bunce with the flagship NewYork, battleship Indiana and cruiser Columbia reached Hampton Roads at noon yesterday.

The report from Louisville, Ky., that August Belmont & Co., has agreed to finance the proposed consolidation of the Kentucky distillers, placing $15 000,000 at their disposal, is officially denied.

The Bloomsburg carpet works, Magee carpet works and the Reader Store Company, Bloomsburg, Pa., all owned by the same persons, failed Monday, with liabilities of $100,000. The assets are not known.

During the bicycle races at the Velodrome, San Francisco, Cal., Monday, W. E. Becker defeated Horace Slater in a match and established a new world's record for five miles, making the distance in 9.54 3-5.

The Southern Railway earned gross for January $1,965,868, a decrease of $78,106; and net $479,793, increase $28,385; and gross from July 1,1896, to January 31,1897, $11,404,548, decrease $637,683, and net $3,779,146, decrease $203,906.

J. L. Casper, merchand and tobacco manufacturer, of Winston, N. C., assigned yesterday, naming J. Jacobs and W. E. Franklin trustees. Assets are placed at $82,000 and liabilities at $40,000. His preferences are aggregated at $32 000.

At Philadelphia, yesterday, in the U. S. District Court, the jury in the case of the Government against John D. Hart, of that city, charged with aiding a Cuban filibustering expedition on the steamer Laurada on August last, rendered a verdict of guilty. Judge Butler suspended sentence.

The Georgia State Railroad Commission suggests to all managers of railways in the State the advisability of establishing lunch rooms for colored passengers at points where there are eating houses for whites. The Commission has not issued an order or rule, but believes that the roads will attend to this matter without an official order.

Woman's Daily Work.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe once said that a woman cannot work at dressmaking, tailoring or any other sedentary employment ten hours daily without enfeebling her constitution, impairing her eyesight and bringing on a complication of diseases. She advised that to sweep, cook, wash and do the duties of a well ordered home with modern arrangements would make a woman grow healthier every year.

Cans of potted meats or fish may be kept some time after they are opened and partly used if they are covered with a little melted butter or lard and kept in a cool place. This makes the contents airtight and is easily removed when needed.

Tumblers that have been used for milk should never be put into hot water until they have first been rinsed in cold water. The heat drives the milk in and gives a cloudy appearance to the glass which cannot be removed.

Carpet moths do not like to make their nests where salt has been, and one may often get rid of them by scrubbing the floor with strong, hot salt and water before laying the carpet.

An abundance of cupboards, each with its wealth of drawers, shelves and cubby holes, constitutes the real secret of an orderly and convenient kitchen.

Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

At Sundays's conference between President-elect McKinley and Governor-elect Bradley, of Kentucky, it was agreed that the Governor should appoint a Senator March 5th, and call an extra session of the Legislature for a later day. It is now believed that the Governor will appoint either John W. Yerkes or St John Boyle.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost and Found Wants, and other short miscellaneous advertisements inserted in this Department, in leaded Nonpareil type, on first or fourth page, at Publisher's option, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

Just imported 200 choice Roses, two-year olds, at very low figures. John Knight & Co., Market street. feb 24 1t

Turkeys and Chickens dressed and alive, Eggs, Peas (black eye and lady finger), Mountain Butter in kits and boxes. I. T. Alderman, Commission Merchant, 818 North Front street. feb 20 1m

You will not find in his city a better assorted stock of Candies, Fruits, and Apples than mine And don't forget that my prices are the lowest. Andrew Mavronichols, 705 North Fourth street. feb 7 tf

Don't fail to see me if you are contemplating the purchase of a Piano, Organ or any musical instrument. Ask about my easy one year payment plans. A. E. Reville, 318 North Front street. feb 5 1m

I have opened a Gunsmith and general Repair Shop at No. 7 North Second street. Thirty-one years' experience. Satisfaction guaranteed. Repairing and stocking fine guns a specialty. Charles H. Polley. jan 31 1m

Hay—Timothy Hay, mixed Clover Hay, Prairie Hay, Straw, Grain and all kinds of mixed feed for horses and cattle. Jno. S. McEachern, 211 Market St. Telephone 92. oct 17 tf

Hayden, P. H., has in stock buggies, road Carts and harness of all kinds. Repairing done by skillful workmen on short notice. Opposite new Court House. e81

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20 per cent. discount on all Woolen Underwear.

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Remember the line of fine Dotted Swiss at 12½c, 30 inches wide. Black Brocaded Sateen at 10 and 12½c per yard; splendid colored Sateen, looks like silk, in light colors for evening dresses, at 15c per yard. Drapery Goods of all kinds—beautiful gold tinted, different colors, at 10c, worth 15 cents.

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